

Financial Table.

CHURCHES	Foreign	Missions	State	Missions	Home	Missions	General	Mississippi	College	Orphanage	Sustenta'n	Pastor's	Other than	Minutes	Associat'al	Other	S. School	Total
Ackerman	5 75											69 60	35	1 00			2 75	30
Bethlehem	5 20											28 25	9 10	1 00				60 80
Blythe Cr'k	5 40	2 00					1 50	4 25				79 40		1 50				39 35
Benlah	6 15	2 40								3 50		14 00		1 00				95 45
Bethany	1 50											100 00		1 00				23 10
Bear Creek	5 40	3 90												2 00				116 00
Bluff Springs	1 50									85				1 25				6 10
Clear "														1 25				4 00
Center Grove													4 00	50 1 00				6 50
Doubl' Sp'ng	2 10													2 00				7 36
Ennis	1 60												2 75	75 1 60				5 10
Ebenezer												29 50		1 00				33 50
Fellowship													2 50	1 15				4 65
French Camp	14 10	3 60										1495 200 00	18 00	2 00				265 60
M'Court in Cr												50 00	1 25	1 00				35 55
Mt Olivet														1 00				2 00
Mt Moriah	1 00	1 00										50 00		1 00				57 70
Mt Pisgah		2 00										91 25		1 00				4 85
New Zion	2 55	3 25												1 00				110 85
New Haven	2 50													1 25				9 35
New Hope	2 45													1 00				4 00
Ple'snt R'dg	5 00											50 00	10 35	25 1 00				136 50
Providence	2 55													1 00				12 25
Ruhama		2 05										62 05		1 50				74 65
Spring Hill												30 00	4 00	1 00				42 50
Sturges												50 00	8 05	50				165 05
Sykes Chapl												25 00	3 25	1 00				31 45
Wake Forest														1 00				2 00
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N. Q. Adams, 1900

STANDING COMMITTEES.

MISSIONS—E. R. Seward, W. F. Cole and John Adams.
 SYSTEMATIC GIVING—N. Q. Adams, C. H. Dobbs, F. T. Milligan.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL—W. A. Wilson, W. A. Taylor, W. J. Wilson.
 MISS. COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—G. A. Skidmore, J. T. Pearson, Moses Black.
 PUBLICATIONS—A. P. Berry, G. B. Green, E. B. Hannah.
 TEMPERANCE—J. H. D. Watson, J. H. McCarty, B. E. Watson.
 SUSTENTATION—Noah Fondren, Johnnie Ward, J. W. Franklin.
 OBITUARIES—J. R. W. Foster, B. C. McGarity, J. M. Murphy.
 ORPHANAGE—J. J. Carter, J. M. Black, B. F. Ramsey.
 WOMAN'S WORK—R. M. Cotton, L. C. Funderburk.
 NOMINATIONS—R. M. Cotton, L. C. Funderburk, John Adams.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

N. Q. Adams, Sturges, Miss.	G. S. Jenkins, Maben, Miss.
David Burney, Ackerman, Miss.	B. L. Middleton, Eupora, Miss.
Moses Black, Sturges, Miss.	Joseph Peacock, Bankston, Miss.
A. P. Berry, Sturges, Miss.	J. T. Pearson, Longview, Miss.
M. A. Carr, McCool, Miss.	W. F. Skinner, Poplar Creek, Miss.
C. H. Dobbs, Bywy, Miss.	Jasper Watson, Maben, Miss.
W. H. Edwards, Ackerman, Miss.	J. H. D. Watson, Kenego, Miss.
W. H. H. Fancher, French Camp, Miss.	B. E. Watson, Faber, Miss.
G. W. Hinson, Ackerman, Miss.	

LICENTIATES.

J. E. Perry, Chester, Miss.	J. B. Worrell, Fentress, Miss.
W. P. Griffin, Bywy, Miss.	W. A. Taylor, French Camp, Miss.
W. J. Dobbs, Bywy, Miss.	

HISTORICAL TABLE.

Int. Sermon.	Organized	Place	Moderator	Clerk
	1892,	Chester,	N. Q. Adams,	J. R. W. Foster.
J. H. D. Watson,	1893,	Fellowship,	N. Q. Adams,	J. R. W. Foster.
H. M. Long,	1894,	Bear Creek,	N. Q. Adams,	J. R. W. Foster,
W. H. H. Fancher,	1895	Bethlehem,	N. Q. Adams,	J. R. W. Foster.
Chas. L. Lewis,	1896,	Providence,	N. Q. Adams,	J. R. W. Foster.
David Burney,	1897,	Pleas't Rid'e	W. H. H. Fancher,	S. B. Dobbs
G. S. Jenkins,	1898,	Bluff Sp'gs	W. H. H. Fancher,	S. B. Dobbs
M. L. Oswalt,	1899,	Mt. Pisgah,	W. H. H. Fancher,	S. B. Dobbs
N. Q. Adams,	1900,	Beulah,	W. H. H. Fancher,	S. B. Dobbs

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Appointment of Finance Committee. Reading Letters.
 Organization of Association.
 Call for Petitionary Letters. Call for Correspondence.
 Appointment of Special Committees and Miscellaneous Business.
 Report on Missions. Report on Systematic Giving.
 Report on Sunday Schools.
 Report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.
 Report on Women's Work. Report on Publications.
 Report on Temperance. Report on Sustentation.
 Report on Obituaries. Report on Orphanage
 Report of Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.
 Report of Treasurer. Report of Executive Committee.
 Report of Finance Committee.
 Appointment of Standing Committees. Prayer.



Proceedings . . .

The Eighth Annual Session of the Chester Baptist Association convened with the Beulah Church, Choctaw county, Miss., at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the 6th day of October, A. D. 1900. The Association was called to order by Bro. W. H. H. Fancher, Moderator, the congregation singing "How Firm a Foundation." The Moderator read the 11th division of the Psalms, after which was led in prayer by Bro. N. Q. Adams.

The Moderator appointed B. C. McGarity, Noah Fondren and R. F. Keen on the Finance Committee, and Bro. N. Q. Adams and G. H. Skidmore reading clerks. (See table of delegates.)

The hour for preaching having arrived, on motion the Association adjourned to hear the introductory sermon which was preached by Bro. N. Q. Adams from the Acts of the Apostles, 5th and 29th. "We ought to obey God rather than men," after which was led in prayer by Bro. H. J. Vanlandingham.

The Moderator appointed W. T. Weeks, H. H. Black and the pastor and deacons of Beulah church committee on devotional exercise. On motion the Association adjourned until half-past one o'clock.

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EVENING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion all members present from churches, where their delegation was not full, were seated as delegates.

The Association then went into permanent organization. Whereupon the Moderator appointed Bros. H. J. Vanlandingham, J. T. Sargent and J. P. Brown Tellers who, after the vote was taken, reported Rev. W. H. H. Fancher elected Moderator and S. B. Dobbs Clerk. After which was led in prayer by Bro. J. T. Sargeant.

The Moderator called for correspondence when the following brethren presented themselves and were invited to seats with us.

Kosciusko Association—J. P. Brown.

Louisville—Rev. J. T. Sargeant, J. W. Catledge, Rev. N. B. Wallace, and William Wallace.

Zion—Rev. H. J. D. Hendricks.

Columbus—Rev. H. J. Vanlandingham, and as representative of the State Missions Board.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Kosciusko Association—Rev. J. T. Pearson.

Louisville " —Rev. J. T. Pearson, and Rev. A. P. Berry

Zion " —J. W. Franklin, J. E. Gregg, W. A. Wilson, W. P. Griffin, and J. P. Biggers.

Columbus Association—G. A. Skidmore, W. J. Wilson, Rev. W. H. H. Fancher.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—Rev. W. H. H. Fancher, S. B. Dobbs, B. C. McGarity, W. J. Wilson, J. M. Murphy, and W. H. Black.

Some of the standing committees being absent the Moderator appointed new committees as follows, to-wit:

Systematic Giving—G. A. Skidmore, John Adams, J. E. Gregg.

Sunday School—W. A. Wilson, W. P. Griffin, Johnnie Ward.

On motion the Association now decided by vote the place of next meeting of this body, when Blythe Creek and Ackerman were put in nomination and the vote taken resulted in favor of Ackerman.

Therefore the next meeting of this body will be with Ackerman church on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Committee on Devotional Exercise made a partial report as follows:

Preaching to-night at the church by J. H. D. Watson.

Preaching to-night at Weir by J. T. Pearson.

Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m. at church by H. J. Vanlandingham.

Preaching Sunday at 2 p. m. at church by W. H. H. Fancher.
 Preaching Sunday night at church by N. B. Wallace.
 Preaching Sunday night at Weir by A. B. Berry.
 On motion the Association adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Saturday night Bro. J. H. D. Watson preached at the church and Bro. J. T. Pearson at Weir as per report of Committee.

Preaching at 11 o'clock Sunday by Bro. H. J. Vanlandingham, from 23rd Psalm: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Preaching Sunday night at the church by Bro. J. H. D. Hendricks; also at night at Weir by Rev. A. B. Berry, from 1st Peter, 4:17.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association called to order, the congregation singing "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," and was led in prayer by Bro. H. J. Vanlandingham.

Bro. A. P. Berry, chairman of the Committee on Women's Work, made no written report, as we have no organized Women's Missionary Societies in our Association, but reported that the women of our Association are doing a grand and noble work for the Master.

Bro. R. M. Cotton then made the following

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANS' HOME:

We, your Committee on the Baptist Orphans' Home of the State of Mississippi beg leave to report as follows: We believe this is one of the best institutions of our order—one in which every Baptist of the State should feel a just pride. Its management under the Superintendency of our own Bro. L. S. Foster and his estimable wife is perfect in every department. During the year just closed there has been received at the Home \$5,338.24, while for the preceding year there was only received \$3,948.17. It will be seen, therefore, that there has been a most gratifying increase in the receipts all the while. There are thirty-five children in the home at present, all doing well. There has been only one death in the Home since it was opened in 1897. This shows a very remarkable healthy condition of the place.

We recommend that the Pastors of the different churches of this Association bring this matter before their respective churches and that a collection be taken up for the benefit of the Home. We recommend that the brotherhood take the "Orphan's Gem" that we may better inform ourselves of the workings of the in-

stitution.

Which on motion was adopted.

The Committee made the following report.

As the physical man is effected by our character morally and religiously. This is an age of reading and much time is spent with some of the non-Bible to the exclusion of the Bible. to make it our daily study and the scriptures. While the Bible are books and papers worthy and only such should be admitted. might be mentioned, we recommend per published in the State and tion. We also recommend the and the "Home Field," price in the reach of all, and every School literature we recommend published at Nashville, Tenn.

Which was discussed by H. and J. T. Sargeant, after which

The Committee made the following report.

Your Committee, appointed to visit Mississippi College and Minn. for your consideration and a of the best, if not the brightest of the first day. God has blessed Him for His benefits. During students, including 32 young men and doctrines which are. The faculty is composed of of any college in the country; indeed, students on applying rarely ever required to stand at our Mississippi College.

stitution.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. KELLUM, Member Committee.

Which on motion was adopted.

The Committee made the following

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS:

As the physical man is effected by the air, water and food we consume, so is our character morally and religiously controlled or influenced by what we read. This is an age of reading and it is to be feared that sometimes the moments so spent is with some of the numerous books or papers which now flood our country to the exclusion of the Bible. No book can take its place; we owe it to ourselves to make it our daily study and guide, and to see to it that our children search the scriptures. While the bible is the book of books, above all others, yet there are books and papers worthy of our support—they are in fact plentiful. Such and only such should be admitted in our homes. Among many others that might be mentioned, we recommend "The Baptist." It is the only Baptist paper published in the State and is worthy of the support of the entire denomination. We also recommend the "Foreign Missions Journal," price in clubs 25c, and the "Home Field," price 10c, and "The Orphans' Gem." These journals are in the reach of all, and every Baptist family ought to have them. For Sunday School literature we recommend the Periodicals of the Sunday School Board, published at Nashville, Tenn.

J. H. D. WATSON,
B. E. WATSON,
J. H. McCARTY, } Committee.

Which was discussed by H. J. Vanlandingham, R. M. Cotton, N. Q. Adams and J. T. Sargeant, after which it was adopted.

The Committee made the following

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Your Committee, appointed at the last session of the Association to report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education, beg leave to submit the following for your consideration and approval: The past year of the College has been one of the best, if not the brightest of its history, and the present session 210 matriculated the first day. God has been good to us in our college and we shall praise Him for His benefits. During the last year of 1899-1900, there were enrolled 231 students, including 32 young preachers, being taught to preach Baptist principles and doctrines which are defined only by the Bible, the Word of God.

The faculty is composed of the very best material and would grace the halls of any college in the country. The standing of our college abroad is very high; indeed, students on applying for admission to other colleges and universities, are rarely ever required to stand an examination on studies in which they graduated at our Mississippi College. In many of the States and Colleges of the United

States, there are professors who are graduates of our College. Our College is located in a healthy place, not physically alone, but spiritually, nine-tenths of the families of Clinton being true Christian families and three-fourths of these Baptist. It is located away some miles from any large city and its evil influences and tendencies that so often prove the ruin of young men. Our college is doing a grand and noble work, the good effects of which will live and bless the souls of men after this world has passed away. But brethren, while all this is true, our College still needs help, and may our own blessed God put it into the hearts of His people to respond liberally to the needs of the College, and make it still better and more efficient in teaching, promulgating and establishing the true doctrine and principles of the Word of God, which alone constitute and declare the faith, principles and practices of the Baptist. Brethren, remember to work and to pray for our College, and to keep uppermost in our hearts those young boys and preachers who are being "taught the ways of the Lord more perfectly" at our Mississippi Baptist College at Clinton, Miss.

N. Q. ADAMS, }
G. A. SKIDMORE, } Committee.
L. C. FUNDERBUCK, }

Pending the discussion of which by A. B. Berry, W. A. Wilson and others, a collection was taken to be applied as follows: First, for Associational purposes, the remainder to be divided between Ministerial Education and the Orphanage, which amounted to \$16.90 after which the report was adopted.

On motion the Association adopted the following

REPORT ON MISSIONS:

We, your committee on Missions, report the following statistics as compiled from the church letters:

Ministerial Education,	\$46 77	Foreign Missions,	\$52 25
Home Missions,	38 40	State Missions,	12 40
General Missions,	39 42	Mississippi College,	5 00
Sunday School,	19 56	Orphanage	16 90
Sustentation	—	Theological Seminary,	1 98
Relief of Poor,	17 25	Total,	\$249 93.
Total for last year, \$170 59—	increase, \$79 34.		

It is gratifying to see the increased interest manifested in the grace of giving. We recommend that all the churches keep an accurate account of all amounts collected and sent off during the year and so report.

W. J. WILSON, Chairman.

The Committee made the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, take it for granted that every church

in this Association is in favor of this Association is disposed to accept of be of vital importance to the Orphanage and to the Christian Ministry in all the departments. We regret that your committee men reported in your last minutes, letters of our present session. In this Association 210 are members in the Sunday School and 92 the 31 churches represented in 66 per cent of our churches are teaching their children the same mind of the committee that are to teach them at home, neighbor's children, hence a fact it appears to your committee School is not successful and work. We suggest the following

- (1) Organize a Sunday School Association and delegates represent, and convening on Sunday
- (2) The President of the day School work throughout
- (3) Two Vice Presidents executive officers of the Sunday
- (4) A Superintendent for officer of the Sunday work in
- (5) Said Convention to have action of the business of the
- (6) The minutes of said minutes, the expense of the in the Convention.

W. A. Wilson, J. J. Franklin some slight amendments to be adopted. The recommendation electing W. A. Wilson, President Franklin and —, Vice President Pearson and E. M. Taylor V. On motion the President Beats in the counties.

in this Association is in favor of Sunday School Work, and that no member of this Association is disposed to oppose this movement, it being so generally accepted to be of vital importance to missions, pastoral support, support of our orphanage and to the Christianizing and qualifying of our young people for leadership in all the departments of our church work. Yet it is with feelings of regret that your committee mentions the statistics of the Sunday School work as reported in your last minutes, and we note no material advance reported in the letters of our present session. Of the 2,600 members of the churches represented in this Association 210 are members of Sunday Schools. 8 per cent are enrolled in the Sunday School and 92 per cent are enrolled out of the Sunday School. Of the 31 churches represented in the Association, 10 have reported Sunday Schools. 66 per cent of our churches are depending on preaching as the only means of teaching their children the scriptures. Are they taught at home? It is the mind of the committee that a man who is sufficiently interested in his own children to teach them at home, would enlarge the home circle and take in his neighbor's children, hence a Sunday School would be organized. From these facts it appears to your committee that our present plan of operating the Sunday School is not successful and we recommend a change in this department of our work. We suggest the following:

(1) Organize a Sunday School Convention, composed of the delegates of the Association and delegates representing the Baptist Sunday Schools in the Association, and convening on Sunday embraced by the Association.

(2) The President of the Convention to be the executive officer of the Sunday School work throughout the Association.

(3) Two Vice Presidents for district in the Association, who are to be the executive officers of the Sunday School Work in their districts.

(4) A Superintendent for each beat in a county who is to be the executive officer of the Sunday work in his beat.

(5) Said Convention to have such other officers as are necessary to the transaction of the business of the Convention.

(6) The minutes of said Convention to be published in the Associational minutes, the expense of the same being paid by the Sunday Schools represented in the Convention.

W. A. WILSON, }
W. P. GRIFFIN, } Committee.
J. H. WARD, }

W. A. Wilson, J. J. Franklin, and A. P. Berry discussed the report, suggesting some slight amendments to the report, which were accepted, after which it was adopted. The recommendations of the committee were then carried out, by electing W. A. Wilson, President of the Sunday School Convention and J. J. Franklin and —, Vice Presidents of the first District of Association, and J. T. Pearson and E. M. Taylor Vice Presidents of the second District of the Association.

On motion the President was empowered to appoint the Superintendents for Beats in the counties.

The Committee then made and the Association adopted the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE:

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report: We think that the subject of Temperance is one of much importance and should have the prayerful consideration of every Christian man and woman in the land; for we think that the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors is one of the greatest curses that we have to contend with. It is directly or indirectly the cause of almost nine-tenths of the crime that is committed in our country, for we see and read almost every day of the destruction of human lives, and the cause of woe and misery in this life. And then there is being thousands of souls plunged into an awful eternity almost every day that is caused by the excessive use of whiskey. We think there has been some improvement in our country towards checking this evil, to-wit: Our prohibition laws. If all professed lovers of Christ would assist the officers of our country in the enforcement of the law, the evil of intemperance would be greatly checked. And again, we think that if every professed lover of the Lord, was heeding that admonition of the Lord, wherein He said, "Let your light so shine that others seeing your good works might be constrained to glorify your Father who art in heaven," that it would have a great deal to do in checking the evils of intemperance. We do not believe that any Christian can participate in the use of whiskey as a beverage and retain that Christian influence that would constrain others to follow the Lord. We think, too, that the moderate dram-drinker has a great deal more to do in leading our boys into dram drinking and to drunkenness than the average drunkard. We are satisfied that there are plenty of brethren that can drink whiskey and not become drunkards, but brethren, we should take into consideration the example we are setting before the world, for you know that Paul said that if eating meat would cause his brother to stumble, he would eat no more meat.

Respectfully submitted, NOAH FONDREN, } Committee.
J. H. WARD, }

Rev. W. H. Fancher made his report as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and on motion Bro. J. H. D. Watson was elected delegate to the next Southern Baptist Convention and W. A. Wilson, alternate.

The Committee made the following

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC GIVING:

Your Committee on systematic giving begs leave to submit the following report: This subject is not of our choosing, but was assigned to us, and we understand that the emphasis is on the word "system," rather than on the word "giving." The duty of giving and the habit of giving to the spread and support of

the gospel seems to be taken; it is largely not true as to our Missionary Baptists, members not give, or if they gave, perhaps is largely owing to a general sense, there is a per amount and habit, by many considerable prevalence to the vast amount that is lacking demanding our report and to support God's poor or He give something, give inadequately occasionally and from impulse and how they should give, and to the end of the world reliable, continuous and adequate system of giving or

The system exactly to me in 1st Cor. 11:2; we read, "by in store as God hath provided by common sense as at Corinth, but had been prescribed for us and is in force. First, every one is included; this they are to pre-arrange ready to give regularly on "according as God hath provided. It is not the occasional smaller gifts of the to be made both by the cause demand it, as well as the

The living, burning question? Our men and women living as they ought, will nevertheless hope lies in developing a generation of missionaries; this World will become the idea in the hearts and strengthen with their strength built up in every household child into line. Our Sunday great lesson taught and learned

the gospel seems to be taken for granted, yet while this is true as to our theory, it is largely not true as to our practice. Many, very many, calling themselves Missionary Baptists, members of the so-called Missionary Baptist churches, do not give, or if they gave, do not give a tithe of what they should; and this perhaps is largely owing to a want system, and while this is lamentably true in a general sense, there is a perceptible and gratifying improvement both as to the amount and habit, by many individuals and churches. There is a tendency of considerable prevalence to give more and with more system than formerly. But the vast amount that is lacking to reach the scripture standard, is the matter demanding our report and attention. As stated, many do not give at all, either to support God's poor or His Gospel. Still many of those who do, sometimes give something, give inadequately and with no regularity or system—give only occasionally and from impulse, have no settled convictions of duty, or as to where and how they should give, while, as the gospel is to be preached in all the world, and to the end of the world, its support necessarily requires something regular, reliable, continuous and adequate, and this in turn, requires a well-devised operative system of giving or contributing.

The system exactly to meet this exigency we find laid down in the scripture in 1st Cor. 11:2; we read, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store as God hath prospered him." That is God's plan, and the plain indicated by common sense as well, and was given by Paul not only to the church at Corinth, but had been previously given to the churches in general, and is prescribed for us and is in force to-day. Let us note the points in this system. First, every one is included, no matter how poor or how young or how old. For this they are to pre-arrange—"lay by in store,"—have a plan, a purpose, be ready to give regularly on the recurrence of the first day of the week; and finally "according as God hath prospered," not according to impulse, but according to ability. It is not the occasional large gifts of the few, but the regular and frequent smaller gifts of the many that are required and needed. Yes, needed to be made both by the cause and by the giver. The giver's interest and well-being demand it, as well as the interest of the cause.

The living, burning question of the hour is, how shall all this be accomplished? Our men and women of fixed habits, who do not believe in or practice giving as they ought, will never as a rule, be much changed or developed. The hope lies in developing and training the young. We must raise and train up a generation of missionaries and gospel supporters at home before the Kingdom of this World will become the Kingdom of Christ. We must plant and nurture the idea in the hearts and minds of our children to grow with their growth and strengthen with their strength. The mission sentiment must be created and built up in every household. We must strive to bring every man, woman and child into line. Our Sunday School must be essentially missionary in spirit. The great lesson taught and learned must be that we, with all we have belonging to

God and are to be employed for His glory in propagating the gospel and saving souls, and let every one impress and be impressed that this is strictly an individual matter between each one and his or her God, and with all, and above all, let us with all our might lay hold on that out-stretched hand that moves the world. Let us habitually importune His power and guidance, remembering that we are agents through whom this power is to be exerted. "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. SKIDMORE, Chairman, }
JOHN ADAMS, } Committee.
JOHN GREGG, }

After being discussed by H. J. Vanlandingham, J. T. Sargeant, and W. A. Wilson, the report was adopted.

The Committee on sustentation made no report, but Bro. J. T. Sargeant made a statement in regard to Bro. W. A. Edwards affliction and a collection was taken up in his behalf which amounted to \$17.95.

On motion the Moderator was instructed to appoint a committee of three to look after the welfare of Bro. Edwards and to report at the next meeting of the Association, whereupon the Moderator appointed Rufus D. Prewitt, W. T. Weeks and L. C. Funderburk as such committee.

The Committee made the following

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS:

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report that we have nominated Bro. J. T. Pearson to preach the Introductory sermon at your next Association, Bro. C. H. Dobbs, alternate. Also have nominated Bros. G. A. Skidmore, Grammill Green and W. F. Cade as your Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. COTTON, Chairman.

Which on motion was adopted.

The Association adopted the following

TREASURER'S REPORT:

S. B. Dobbs, Clerk and Treasurer, in account with the Association for 1899-1900,

		DR.
Oct. 3rd, 1899.	To cash on hand last report.....	\$ 41 95
Oct. 3rd, 1899.	To cash received from Finance Committee	96 41
Oct. 3rd, 1899.	To cash received from Orphanage Collection.....	20 15
Oct. 3rd, 1899.	To cash received from Bro. M L. Oswalt col.....	3 00
Total		\$161 51

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Oct. 3, '99.	By am't paid Bro M. L. Oswalt per order.....	\$ 20 00
"	By am't paid Bro. M. L. Oswalt, collection	3 00
"	By am't paid Bro. G. S. Jenkins per order.....	12 96
"	By am't paid L. S. Foster, Orphanage.....	20 15
"	By am't paid A. V. Rowe, missions &c.....	31 41
" 24	By am't paid Clerk.....	10 00
Nov. 5, '99	By am't paid Mrs. W. B. Savage per, order.....	15 00
Nov. 21	By am't paid printing minutes.....	25 00
"	By am't paid postage.....	4 50
Oct. 8, 1900.	By cash on hand to balance	19 55—\$161 51

Respectfully submitted, this the 8th day of Oct. 1900.

S. B. DOBBS, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$10 for services as Clerk.

On motion the Association refunded to Bro. W. H. H. Fancher \$16 60, his expenses as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Committee then made and the Association adopted the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES:

Your Committee on Obituaries has nothing special to report; while there has been quite a number of deaths during the last Associational year, we do not make personal mention of any of them, but desire to say that many of them were true to their church, true to their fellow-man and true to God.

They did a good work in their home, in their communities and in the church and are now at rest from their labors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. EDDLEMAN, Chairman.

The Committee made the following

REPORT ON FINANCE:

Received for Minutes.....	\$ 31 06
Missions General.....	3 40
Home Missions.....	10 85
State Missions.....	5 40
Foreign Missions.....	9 00
Orphanage.....	3 40
Associational purposes.....	12 90
Collections Monday	16 90
Collection for Bro. Edwards.....	17 95

We have examined the Treasurer's account and found the same correct.

B. C. MCGARITY,
NOAH FONDREN, } Committee,
BOB KEEN, }

On motion the report was adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the members of Beulah church and the citizens of the vicinity for their kind hospitality during the sitting out of our body.

On motion adjourned to meet with Ackerman church on Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M.

S. B. DOBBS,
CLERK.

W. H. H. FANCHER,
MODERATOR.



ARTICLES OF FAITH.

(1) We believe in only one living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Deut. 6:14; Mark 12:29; 1st John 5:6.

(2) We believe the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testament are the works of God and the only rule of Faith and Practice. II Tim. 3:16; Romans 10:18.

(3) We believe in the doctrine of election and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world. Eph. 1, 4, 5 and 11. II Thes. 2:13. Rom. 9:11 and 11:5.

(4) We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Ps. 5:11. Rom. 7:14-17.

(5) We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Rom. 9:16. John 6:44.

(6) We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. Isaiah 55:17. Rom. 4:3.

(7) We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. John 10:16, I Thes. 2:12. John 17:2. Cor. 6:11.

(8) We believe the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. Col. 3:3. I Peter 1:5.

(9) We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism and that by immersion only was the Apostolic practice. Mat. 28:19, 26 and 27. Col. 2:12. Romans 6:5.

(10) We believe in the resurrection after death and in the general judgment and the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John 5:20, 28. II Cor. 5:10.

(11) We believe that no one is saved by the gospel but one who is in the position of the hands of a pair of scales.
(12) We believe that none can commune at the Lord's table.

TABL

Ackerman—John Adams
Bethlehem—W. T. We
Blythe Creek—Johnnie
Beulah—G. A. Eddlen
Bethany—J. J. Wiltshire
Bear Creek—W. H. Bl
Bluff Springs—J. J. F
Clear Springs—J. P. B
Center Grove—
Double Springs—N. M
Ennis—Yes'ey York.
Ebenezer—J. C. Adam
Fellowship—Noah Fo
Fentress—J. B. Worre
French Camp—Rev. V
McCurtain's Creek—V
Mt. Olivet—R. M. Co
Mt. Moriah—H. M. S
Mt. Pisgah—W. P. G
New Zion—Ed. Jorda
New Haven—A. W. C
New Hope—G. A. Sk
Pleasant Ridge—Rev.
Providence—W. L. M
Ruhama—B. C. McG
Spring Hill—Henry S
Sturges—A. W. Strou
Sykes Chapel—J. T.
Wake Forest—Rev. A
Wards Springs—Hira
Poplar Creek—Rev.

(11) We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is regularly baptised, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Eph. 4:5. I Cor. 9:15. I Tim. 4:14.

(12) We believe that none but regularly baptised believers have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Acts 2:41 and 42.



TABLE OF DELEGATES

Ackerman—John Adams.
 Bethlehem—W. T. Weeks, Jake Black.
 Blythe Creek—Johnnie Ward and W. M. Fondren.
 Beulah—G. A. Eddleman, E. D. Bowie, W. O. Steele.
 Bethany—J. J. Wiltshire, J. L. Hughes.
 Bear Creek—W. H. Black, D. Landrum, J. H. Ward.
 Bluff Springs—J. J. Franklin, W. A. Bagwell.
 Clear Springs—J. P. Biggers, J. E. Gregg, M. L. Gregg.
 Center Grove—
 Double Springs—N. M. Moore, W. J. Jordan.
 Ennis—Yes'ey York.
 Ebenezer—J. C. Adams, Hilliatd Wills.
 Fellowship—Noah Fondren, J. W. Franklin.
 Fentress—J. B. Worrell, R. S. Weeks, Rufus Prewitt.
 French Camp—Rev. W. H. H. Fancher, W. A. Wilson, B. F. Ramsey.
 McCurtain's Creek—Will Nail.
 Mt. Olivet—R. M. Cotton, George McCafferty.
 Mt. Moriah—H. M. Steele, Charly Prewitt, J. J. Rayburn.
 Mt. Pisgah—W. P. Griffin.
 New Zion—Ed. Jordan, Sam Weeks, R. F. Keen.
 New Haven—A. W. Chamblee, J. N. Franks.
 New Hope—G. A. Skidmore.
 Pleasant Ridge—Rev. N. Q. Adams, L. C. Funderburk.
 Providence—W. L. Mills, J. L. Wells.
 Ruhama—B. C. McGarity, S. B. Dobbs, J. M. Murphy.
 Spring Hill—Henry Steedman.
 Sturges—A. W. Stroud.
 Sykes Chapel—J. T. Pearson, Luther Sanders, C. C. Sanders.
 Wake Forest—Rev. A. P. Berry, J. H. Dees.
 Wards Springs—Hiram Weeks.
 Poplar Creek—Rev. H. D. Watson, G. L. Townsend, R. B. Power.

	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	General Missions	Total Missions	Pastor's Salary	Miss. College	Orphans	Sunday School	Building and Repairing	Church Expenses	Relief of Poor	Delegate to S. B. Convention	Vis. Ministers	P'r. Minutes	Education	Other purp. uses	Totals
Ackerman	..	..	9 00	..	9 00	165 00	..	1	..	14 10	..	..	..	16 45	1 00	5 00	5 00	206 55
Bethlehem	..	..	3 35	..	3 35	56 25	5 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	..	..	62 25
Blythe Creek	..	..	2 15	1 00	3 15	25 50	..	1 00	..	..	..	..	..	6 45	1 00	2 50	..	36 55
Beulah	2 50	3 50	3 80	..	9 80	80 00	5 00	3 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	..	..	89 00
Bethany	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	4 00	20 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	..	..	21 00
Bear Creek	5 55	5 00	5 00	..	10 55	123 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 01	5 05	..	130 05
Bluff Springs	65	..	1 00	..	1 65	47 75	..	..	10 00	1 40	..	95	..	1 00	..	..	1 95	82 00

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

SCHOOL.	SUPT. AND POST OFFICE.	SEC. AND POST OFFICE.	No. Months Held...	Officers & Teachers.	No. Scholars.....	Average Att'dce....	Kind of Literature.....	No. Scholars Baptised.....	No. Papers Taken.....	Vols. in Library....
Ackerman.....	W. F. Cole, Ackerman.....	J. P. Johnson, Ackerman.....	12	7	50	35	S. B.	1	15	110
Bluff Springs.....	J. J. Franklin, Grady.....	G. J. Lee, Grady.....	12	7	110	78	S. B. C.	15	40	40
Clear Springs.....	J. W. Ramage, Faber.....	Ada Biggers, Faber.....	12	7	110	78	S. B. C.	15	40	40
French Camp.....	W. A. Wilson, French Camp.....	A. Patterson, French Camp.....	12	6	30	20	S. B. S.	5	5	40
Fellowship.....	Noah Fendren, Pinto.....	J. L. Fendren, Pinto.....	4	5	76	40	S. B. C.	5	40	40
Providence.....	W. L. Mills, Faber.....	J. E. Watson, Faber.....	7	4	39	20	S. B. C.	2	1	1
Bethany.....	J. L. Hughes, Lynch.....	J. S. Glover, Lynch.....	6	5	25	15	S. B. C.	2	1	1
Wood's Springs.....	D. M. Woods, Tomnolen.....	John Weeks, Tomnolen.....	4	4	26	15	S. B. C.	2	1	1
Wake Forest.....	D. M. Berry, Sturges.....	W. E. Henry, Sturges.....	6	5	25	15	S. B. C.	2	1	1
Mt. Pisgah.....	D. L. Humphries, Hwy.....	W. M. Bowles, Hwy.....	3	6	53	20	Baptist	4	4	4
TOTALS.....	614	51	459	238	48	116	40	48	116	40

	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	General Missions	Total Missions	Pastor's Salary	Miss. College	Orphans	Sunday School Work	Building and Repairing	Church Expense	Relief of Poor	Delegate to S. B. Convention	Vis. Ministers	P'r. g. Minutes	Education	Other purp. uses	Totals
Ackerman			9 00		9 00	165 00	5 00	1		14 10				16 45	1 00	5 00	5 00	206 55
Bethlehem			3 35		3 35	56 25									1 00			62 25
Blythe Creek			2 15	1 00	3 15	25 50		1 00						6 45	1 00	2 50		36 55
Beulah			3 50		3 50	80 00	5 00	3 00							1 00			89 00
Bethany			1 00	2 00	4 00	20 00									1 00			21 00
Bear Creek			5 55		10 55	123 00									2 01	5 05		130 05
Bluff Springs			65	1 00	1 65	43 75			10 00	1 40		17 25		7 00	1 25		1 25	82 00
Clear Springs	1 00	80	75		2 55				1 70						1 00	1 05		3 75
Center Grove																		
Double Springs	1 65		1 80	50	3 95	38 00									1 50			39 50
Ennis	50				50										50			50
Ebenezer	1 00	2 00			3 00										75			75
Fellowship		1 50			1 50			40						6 00	1 00			7 40
French Camp	3 00	6 12	11 22		20 34			10 50							1 50	6 12		18 12
McCurtain's Crk.						21 10											5 80	26 90
Mt. Olivet						35 00									50			35 50
Mt. Moriah	1 00	1 20	1 00		3 20	35 00					50			5 00	1 00	5 30	1 20	36 00
Mt. Pisgah														4 00	1 00			7 20
New Zion		2 90	4 20		7 10	92 60									1 50			99 40
New Haven				5 60	5 60	23 00									1 00			28 00
New Hope					3 65			1 00					1 45	7 00	1 36			1 36
Pleasant Ridge		2 60	3 00		5 60	50 00									1 25	5 00	1 00	66 70
Providence		4 00	4 00		8 00				3 00						1 56			4 50
Ruhama		3 05	3 10		6 15	66 50									1 10	1 60		69 20
Spring Hill		2 60			2 60	35 00		1 00						4 50	1 00			41 50
Sturges	1 25			50	1 75	30 00									50			30 50
Syke's Chapel					50										75		4 10	4 85
Wake Forest		1 15	1 20		2 35				1 75						1 00			3 50
Wood Spring				1 20	1 25													75
Poplar Creek		1 93			1 93		5 00				6 60		1 00	3 05	1 50		7 00	24 15
Fentress		1 00			1 00	40 00									1 50			40 50
Totals	12 40	41 55	55 67	10 85	113 40	975 75	15 00	16 90	16 45	15 50	7 10	17 25	3 20	59 55	31 06	31 62	25 33	1218 83

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	PASTOR & POST OFFICE.	CLERK & POST OFFICE.	MEMBERSHIP LAST YEAR.				MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.				Total	Church (Organized)	Where located.	Value of Property	Day of Preenching	
			Increase		Decrease		Last Year.		This Year.							
			Baptism	Restoration	Leaver	Exclusion	Males	Females	Total	Males						Females
Ackerman	W. W. Noffsinger, West Point.	J. R. Davis, Ackerman.	8	16	1	14	34	53	87	41	50	91	1885	C	1000	3rd Sun
Bethlehem	J. T. Sargent, Ackerman.	W. T. Weeks, Ackerman.	5	5	12	1	56	68	124	51	63	114	1835	C	700	4 Sat-Su
Blythe Creek	N. Q. Adams, Sturges	A. R. Hester, Pinto	4	4	2	2	38	83	121	38	88	126	1871	C	2	"
Beulah	J. T. Sargent, New Prospect.	W. O. Steele, Weir	2	3	4	4	31	26	57	32	24	56	1861	C	650	1 "
Bethany	B. E. Watson, Faber	J. L. Hughes, Lynch	4	6	2	2	18	26	44	20	27	47	1885	C	3	"
Bear Creek	W. H. H. Fancher, Fr. Camp.	W. H. Black, Weir	21	3	1	1	118	127	245	113	129	242	A	800	3 Sat-Su	
Bluff Springs	J. H. D. Watson, Kenego	J. J. Franklin, Grady	4	4	1	1	63	59	122	78	69	147	C	400	1st Sun	
Clear Springs	C. H. Dobbs, Bywy.	J. W. Ramage, Faber	1	1	1	1	17	42	59	16	41	57	1862	C	3rd Sun	
Center Grove.	A. B. Berry, Sturges	J. O. Templeton, Double Spgs	4	4	1	3	50	84	134	48	87	135	1851	O	300	3 Sat-Su
Double Springs	N. B. Wallace, Loahfoma	J. M. Keeton, Longview	1	1	4	4	25	36	61	24	33	57	O	3	"	
Ennis	B. E. Watson, Faber	J. O. McGary, Stewart	11	3	2	1	29	33	62	36	36	72	1874	C	1	"
Ebenezer	I. H. Middleton, Clarkston.	J. W. Woodward, Pinto	8	7	1	5	66	59	125	46	64	110	1852	C	400	1 Sun
Fellowship	W. H. H. Fancher, Fr. Camp.	W. A. Taylor, French Camp.	8	2	1	8	14	24	38	14	24	64	1892	C	1500	2 & 4 Sun
French Camp	J. T. Sargent, Ackerman.	Rufus D. Prewitt, Fentress.	1	1	1	3	60	71	131	38	14	126	1840	O	100	2 Sun
Fentress	C. H. Dobbs, Bywy	C. J. Buse, Bankston	5	5	1	1	46	46	92	24	24	48	1882	C	250	1 Sun
McArthur's Crk	G. S. Jenkins, Malen.	C. H. Butler, Chapel	2	1	1	1	82	61	143	31	34	65	1847	C	75	3 Sat-Su
Mt. Olivet	J. H. D. Watson, Kenego	W. R. Kite, Kenego.	3	3	4	4	55	68	123	50	60	110	1845	C	200	4 Sat-Su
Mt. Moriah	David Burney, Ackerman	W. M. Bowles, Opal.	3	3	3	2	56	83	139	54	86	140	C	500	4 Sun	
Mt. Pisgah	W. H. H. Fancher, Fr. Camp.	Rob Keen, Barney	3	2	3	6	35	43	78	39	62	101	1886	C	1	1 Sat-Su
New Zion	J. H. D. Watson, Kenego.	A. W. Chamberlee, Bankston.	3	2	1	1	35	43	79	39	62	101	1886	O	3	3 Sat-Su
New Haven	A. P. Berry, Sturges	E. A. Buckner, Longview	2	1	1	3	28	44	72	26	43	82	1855	C	400	2 Sat-Su
New Hope	N. Q. Adams, Sturges	J. A. Brown, Bradley	11	1	2	3	61	52	113	71	57	128	1885	C	500	4 Sat-Su
Pleasant Ridge	J. H. D. Watson, Kenego	J. H. McCarty, Faber	2	5	1	1	27	35	62	33	31	64	C	250	2 Sat-Su	
Providence	W. H. H. Fancher.	J. R. W. Foster, Chester.	5	7	3	3	35	55	90	37	60	97	1842	O	300	1 Sun
Rahama	N. Q. Adams, Sturges	W. W. Kellum	3	5	1	2	17	16	33	12	16	28	1886	O	650	1 Sun
Spring Hill	Pen Wallace, Longview.	R. L. Weble, Sturges.	4	4	1	4	19	28	47	19	28	47	1889	O	2	2 Sat-Su
Sturges	B. E. Watson, Kenego.	A. P. Welch, Bradley	1	1	1	1	34	35	69	34	35	69	C	3	3 Sat-Su	
Syke's Chapel	C. H. Dobbs, Bywy	G. B. Green, Sturges	1	1	1	1	42	60	102	43	51	96	1849	w	3	3 Sun
Wake Forest	J. C. Peacock, Bankston	J. M. Woods, Tonnoloh	1	1	1	1	42	60	102	43	51	96	1849	w	4	4 Sat-Su
Wood Spring	W. H. H. Fancher, Fr. Camp.	L. L. Boothe, Kilnichael.	1	1	1	1	42	60	102	43	51	96	1849	w	4	4 Sat-Su
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Ninth Annual Session
OF
Chester Baptist Association,
HELD WITH

Ackerman Church,

Choctaw County, Miss., Oct. 5-7, 1901.

Officers of the Association.

MODERATOR.....W. H. H. FANCHER, French Camp, Miss.
CLERK.....S. B. DOBBS, Chester, Miss.

Next Meeting.

Time—Saturday Before the First Lord's Day in
October, 1902.

Place—Poplar Creek Church, four Miles South
of Sibleton Sta., on the Southern Railroad,
Montgomery County, Miss.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

S. B. DOBBS. Alternate, G. H. SKIDMAN.

Order

1. Organization
2. Call for Petition
3. Call for Correction
4. Appointment
5. Miscellaneous
6. Report on Mission
7. Report on system
8. Report on Success
9. Report on Mission
10. Report on Work
11. Report on Progress
12. Report on Testimony
13. Report on Success
14. Report on Obstacles
15. Report on Obstacles
16. Report of delinquents
17. Report of Treachery
18. Report of Expenses
19. Report of Financial
20. Appointment
21. Prayer.

Order of Business.

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1. Organization of Association.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
3. Call for Correspondence.
4. Appointment of Special Committees.
5. Miscellaneous Business.
6. Report on Missions.
7. Report on systematic giving.
8. Report on Sunday Schools.
9. Report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.
10. Report on Woman's Work.
11. Report on Publications.
12. Report on Temperance.
13. Report on Sustentation.
14. Report on Obituaries.
15. Report on Orphanage.
16. Report of delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.
17. Report of Treasurer.
18. Report of Executive Committee.
19. Report of Finance Committee.
20. Appointment of standing committees.
21. Prayer.



STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions.....	W. A. Wilson, W. A. Taylor, W. J. Wilson.
Systematic Giving.....	J. H. D. Watson, J. H. McCarty, B. E. Watson.
Sunday School.....	G. A. Skidman, M. Black, W. T. Weeks.
Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.....	C. R. Seward, John Adams, W. F. Cole.
Publications.....	C. H. Dobbs, R. E. Hannah, D. M. Berry.
Temperance.....	N. Q. Adams, R. M. Cotton, L. C. Funderberg.
Sustentation.....	J. R. W. Foster, B. C. McGarity, J. M. Murphy.
Obituaries.....	B. E. Watson, M. Black, E. M. Barron.
Orphanage.....	J. J. Carter, G. A. Eddleman, J. M. Black.
Woman's Work.....	M. Black, W. T. Weeks, F. T. Milligan.
Nominations.....	F. T. Milligan, M. Brooks, J. W. Franklin.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

N. Q. Adams, Sturgis, Miss.	G. W. Henson, French Camp.
David Burney, Ackerman.	G. S. Jenkins, Mabon.
Moses Black, Sturgis.	B. L. Middleton, Eupora.
M. A. Carr, McCool.	Joseph Peacock, Bankston,
C. H. Dobbs, Byroy.	J. T. Pearson, Longview.
W. A. Edwards, Ackerman.	W. F. Kinner, Poplar Creek.
W. H. H. Fancher, French Camp.	Jasper Watson, Mabon.
J. H. D. Watson, Kenage.	B. E. Watson, Faber.

LICENTIATES.

J. E. Persy, Chester, Miss.	J. B. Worrell, Fentress.
John Persy, Chester.	W. A. Taylor, French Camp.
W. P. Griffin, Byroy.	W. J. Dobbs, Byroy.

HISTORICAL TABLE.

- Organized 1892; place, Chester; moderator, N. Q. Adams, clerk, J. R. W. Foster.
- 1893—Introductory sermon, J. H. D. Watson; place, Fellowship; moderator, N. Q. Adams; clerk, J. R. W. Foster.
- 1894—Introductory sermon, H. M. Long; place, Bear Creek; moderator, N. Q. Adams; clerk, J. R. W. Foster.
- 1895—Introductory sermon, W. H. H. Fancher; place, Bethlehem; moderator, N. Q. Adams; clerk, J. R. W. Foster.
- 1896—Introductory sermon, Chas. L. Lewis; place, Providence; moderator, N. Q. Adams; clerk, J. R. W. Foster.
- 1897—Introductory sermon, David Burney; place, Pleasant Ridge; moderator, W. H. H. Fancher; clerk, J. R. W. Foster.
- 1898—Introductory sermon, G. S. Jenkins; place, Bluff Springs; moderator, W. H. H. Fancher; clerk, S. B. Dodds.
- 1899—Introductory sermon, M. L. Oswalt; place, Mt. Pisgah; moderator, W. H. H. Fancher; clerk, S. B. Dobbs.
- 1900—Introductory sermon, N. Q. Adams; place, Beulah; moderator, W. H. H. Fancher; clerk, S. B. Dobbs.
- 1801—Introductory sermon, T. J. Bailey; place, Ackerman; moderator, W. H. H. Fancher; clerk, S. B. Dobbs.

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The Ninth Annual Session of the Chester Baptist Association convened with the Ackerman church, Choctaw county, Mississippi, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 5th day of October, A. D. 1901.

The association was called to order by the moderator, and after reading the 116th Psalm, the congregation was led in prayer by Bro. T. J. Bailey.

Rev. N. Q. Adams and G. D. Weatherall were appointed reading clerks and Noah Fondren, J. W. Franklin and J. T. Weatherall on Finance Committee.

The letters of the various churches were read and names of delegates enrolled. (See table of delegates.)

The hour having arrived for the preaching of the introductory sermon, and Bro. J. T. Pearson not being present, on motion, Bro. T. J. Bailey, of Jackson, Miss., was elected to preach in his stead. The association then took a recess to hear the introductory sermon, which was preached by Bro. T. J. Bailey, from Eph. 2:8. "By grace are ye saved."

On motion the association adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association was called together by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul," after which it was led in prayer by Bro. W. J. Wilson.

On motion, Bros. W. J. Wilson, G. H. Skidman, Garret Green and W. Stedman was added to the list of delegates from their respective churches.

The association then proceeded to a permanent organization, whereupon the moderator appointed Bros. M. V. Noffsinger and T. J. Bailey, as tellers, who, after taking the vote of the association, announced that Rev. W. H. H. Fancher was elected moderator, and S. B. Dobbs, clerk for the next ensuing year, after which it was led in prayer by Bro. J. W. Sims.

On call for petitionary letters the newly organized church of Self Creek, presented a petitionary letter asking for membership in this association, which upon motion, was received, and the moderator extended to the delegates the hand of Christian fellowship.

The moderator called for correspondence when the following brethren presented themselves and were invited to seats with us:

CHESTER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Rev. T. J. Bailey, representing THE BAPTIST; Rev. M. V. Noffsinger, from Columbus association; Rev. J. W. Sims, Henry Burney and J. P. Brown, from Kosciusko association; H. J. D. Heedricks, Zion Association.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Kosciusko Association—W. J. Wilson.
 Louisville Association—N. Q. Adams.
 Columbus Association—W. J. Wilson and J. B. Malone.
 State Convention—W. H. H. Fancher, B. C. McGarity, G. D. Weatherall, S. B. Dobbs and J. M. Weaver.

The moderator appointed the pastor and deacons of Ackerman church and Bro. W. A. Dobbs and G. A. Eddleman, Committee on Devotional Exercise.

The rules of order were suspended and the Committee on Publications made the following report, which, after being discussed by T. J. Bailey and M. V. Noffsinger, was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

As the physical man is effected by the air, water and food we consume, so is our character, morally and religiously controlled or influenced by what we read. This is an age of reading and it is to be feared that sometimes the moments so spent is with some of the numerous books or papers which now flood our country to the exclusion of the Bible. No book can take its place, we owe it to ourselves to make it our daily study and guide, and to see to it that our children search the scriptures. While the Bible is the book of books, above all others, yet there are books and papers worthy of our support—they are in fact plentiful. Such and only such, should be admitted in our homes. Among many others that might be mentioned, we recommend THE BAPTIST. It is the only Baptist paper published in the State and is worthy of the support of the entire denomination. We also recommend "The Foreign Mission Journal," price in clubs 25c, and "The Home Field," price 10c, and "The Orphanage Gem." These journals are in the reach of all, and every Baptist family ought to have them. For Sunday-school literature we recommend the periodicals of the Sunday-school Board, published at Nashville, Tenn.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a partial report as follows;

That Rev. J. T. Sargent preach at the Baptist church and Rev. T. J. Bailey at the Methodist church tonight.

The association then decided by vote the place of the next meeting of this body, which resulted in favor Poplar Creek church, in Montgomery county, Mississippi, four miles south of Sibleton Sta-

tion, on the Southern rail in October, 1902.

On motion, the association adjourned this morning.

Saturday night Bro. Bailey at the Methodist church from John 3:3—"of the world."

Sunday morning, 9 o'clock Devotional exercises conducted by the 116th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Bailey.

Rev. W. A. Wilson, pastor, took the chair, when Bro. Bailey presented the constitution, for the Sunday-school, which was adopted.

CONSTITUTION OF CHESTER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This constitution shall be the basis of the Chester Baptist Sunday-school.

ART. 2. The object of the association is to try to maintain a good character in the association.

ART. 3. The officers shall be president, vice-presidents, secretaries and trustees, to serve one year, or until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the officers to meet at the first meeting of the convention and have printed programs, to receive the resignation of members, to prepare and publish the Sunday-schools of the association.

ART. 5. The vice-president shall be the president of the Sunday-school work in the association, and it shall be the duty of the association to hold an Institute on the purpose of discussing the work, and to make a report of the work during their term.

tion, on the Southern railroad, on the Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1902.

On motion, the association adjourned until eight o'clock Monday morning.

Saturday night Bro. J. T. Sargent preached at the Baptist church from John 3:3—"Ye must be born again," and Bro. T. J. Bailey at the Methodist church from Matt. 5:14—"Ye are the light of the world."

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Sunday morning, 9 o'clock, congregation came together by singing. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. J. Bailey by reading a part of the 116th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. P. Brown.

Rev. W. A. Wilson, president of the Sunday-school Convention took the chair, when Bro. G. A. Skeldman offered the following Constitution, for the Sunday-school convention which, after discussion, was adopted.

CONSTITUTION OF CHESTER BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

ARTICLE 1. This convention shall be known and called the Chester Baptist Sunday-school convention.

ART. 2. The object of this convention shall be to promote the interest of the Baptist Sunday-schools of the Chester Association, and to try to maintain a good Sunday-school in every Baptist church in the association.

ART. 3. The officers of the convention shall be president, two vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer, whose term of office shall be one year, or until their successors are elected.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meeting of the convention, and with the vice-presidents to prepare and have printed programs for annual and district meetings, to receive the resignations of officers, and fill the vacancies by appointments, to prepare and have printed forms of letters, for the report of the Sunday-schools of the association to the convention.

ART. 5. The vice-presidents shall have the supervision of the Sunday-school work in their districts, the same being defined by the president, and it shall be their duty to organize Sunday-schools in churches of the association having no schools, to lecture and encourage the Sunday-schools in their districts, when it is convenient, to hold an Institute on each fifth Sunday during his term of office, for the purpose of discussing subjects pertaining to the Sunday-school work, and to make a careful, written report to the convention of their work during their term of office.

ART. 6. The secretary of the association shall be the secretary of the convention whose duty shall consist of keeping a record of the proceedings of the convention at each meeting together with a list of the Sunday-schools of the convention, the names and address of each superintendent, and the number of pupils and teachers in each school.

ART. 7. The treasurer shall keep a correct account of all money collected for the benefit of the convention, make an annual report of the same, and give to his successor a record of his term of office.

ART. 8. The president shall appoint the following committees at each annual meeting:

1st. A committee of three on resolutions, whose duty it shall be to embody the sentiments of the convention on topics discussed during its session.

2nd. A committee of three on credentials.

3rd. A committee of three on resolutions of respect.

4. A committee of three on statistics.

ART. 9. The convention shall meet annually on Sunday embraced by the association.

ART. 10. The officers designated herein, two delegates selected by each school, in the association and the members of the association shall be members of the convention.

ART. 11. Each school shall contribute (2 cts) two cents per member average attendance to the convention for its expenses, minutes, programs, and blanks for report of schools.

ART. 12. This constitution may be amended or changed at any annual meeting of the convention by a two-thirds vote of the convention.

The convention on statistics made their report which was adopted. (See statistical table).

The congregation sang "Jesus is calling today," after which Bro. M. V. Noffsinger addressed the convention on the duty of Baptist to support Sunday-schools.

On motion the convention accepted the offer of the Methodist brethren for the use of their church house, and adjourned until two o'clock to that place. At eleven o'clock Bro. J. W. Sims preached at the Baptist church from 2 Cor. 17:—"Old things have passed away all things have now become new."

Brother W. H. H. Fancher, at the same hour, preached at the Methodist church. This hour a collection was taken for associational purposes amounting to \$———

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m., the convention met at the Methodist church. Congregation singing. Prayer was offered by Brother I. T. Sargeant.

On motion all Sunday-school workers were invited to take part in the discussion of the subjects that should come before the convention.

Bro. J. P. Brown addressed the convention on the subject of "The essential characters of a successful teacher." After which the song, "There is sunshine in my soul," was sung. Bro. T. J. Bailey then addressed the convention on the subject of "The duty of the pastor to the Sunday-school, at the close of which the song, "Never say good-bye." was sung. The convention then proceeded to elect officers for the next succeeding year, as follows:

W. A. Wilson, president; G. A. Skeidman, 1st. vice-president; J. H. McCarty, 2nd. vice-president; S. B. Dobbs, secretary and treasurer.

The following resolutions were read and adopted.

1st. Resolved, That, the convention tender its thanks to Miss Mattie Hunt and choir for music rendered the convention during its session.

2nd. Resolved. That, we offer our thanks to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house.

3rd. Resolved, That, we offer our thanks to the people of Ackerman for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the convention.

On motion, the Southern Baptist Literature was recommended to the Sunday-schools for their use.

Convention, after singing a song, adjourned.

Preaching Sunday night at the Baptist church, by Rev. A. V. Rowe, and at the Methodist church by Bro. N. Q. Adams, as arranged by committee on devotional exercises.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The association met at 8 o'clock a. m., singing, "How firm a foundation." The moderator read the first division of the Psalms, and was led in prayer by Rev. J. J. Franklin.

The committee on sustentation made the following report, which was adopted:

SUSTENTATION.

We, your committee on sustentation, beg leave to make the following report:

We find from the church letters that only \$29.40 has been

ported as contributed to the relief of the needy.

We would recommend that we increase our contributions to this cause and report it to the association.

Respectfully submitted,

NOAH FONDREN,
J. W. FRANKLIN.

Visiting brethren today: Rev. A. V. Rowe, corresponding secretary; Rev. W. T. Lowrey, president Mississippi College.

The committee on systematic giving made the following report, which after being discussed by M. V. Noffsinger and A. V. Rowe, was adopted.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Your committee on systematic giving beg leave to submit the following report:

This subject is not of our choosing, but was assigned to us, and we understand that the emphasis is on the word "system" rather than on the word "giving." The duty of giving and the habit of giving to the spread and support of the gospel seems to be taken for granted, yet, while this is true as to our theory, it is largely not true as to our practice.

Many, very many, calling themselves missionary Baptists, members of the so-called missionary Baptist churches, do not give, or if they give, do not give a tithe of what they should; and this perhaps is largely owing to a want of system, and while this is lamentably true in a general sense, there is a perceptible and gratifying improvement, both as to the amount and habit, by many individuals and churches. There is a tendency of considerable prevalence to give more and with more system than formerly. But the vast amount that is lacking to reach the Scripture standard, is the matter demanding our support and attention. As stated, many do not give at all either to support God's poor, or his gospel. Still, many of those who do, sometimes give something, give inadequately and with no regularity or system—give only occasionally and from impulse, have no settled convictions of duty, or as to where and how they should give, while, as the gospel is to be preached in all the world, and to the end of the world, its support necessarily requires something regular, reliable, continuous and adequate, and this in turn, requires a well devised operative system of giving and contributing.

The system exactly to meet this exigency we find laid down in the Scripture. In 1st. Cor. 11:2, we read: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store as God hath prospered him." That is God's plan and the plan indicated by common sense as well,

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and was given by Paul, not only to the church at Corinth, but had been previously given to the churches in general, and is prescribed for us, and is in force today. Let us note the points in this system:

First: Every one is included, no matter how poor, or how young, or how old. For this they have to prearrange — "lay by in-store" — have a plan, a purpose, be ready to give regularly on the recurrence of the first day of the week, and finally, "according as God hath prospered" not according to impulse, but according to ability.

It is not the occasional large gifts of the few, but the regular and frequent smaller gifts of the many that are required and needed, yes, needed, to be paid both by the cause and the giver. The giver's interest and well being demand it, as well as the interest of the cause.

The living, burning question of the hour is, how shall all this be accomplished? Our men and women of fixed habits, who do not believe in, or practice giving as they ought, will never, as a rule, be much changed or developed. The hope lies in developing and training the young. We must raise and train up a generation of missionaries and gospel supporters at home before the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of Christ. We must plant and nurture the idea in the hearts and minds of our children to grow with their growth and strengthen with their strength. The mission sentiment must be created and built up in every household. We must strive to bring every man, woman and child into line. Our Sunday-school must be essentially missionary in spirit. The great lesson taught and learned must be that we, with all we have, belongs to God and are to be employed for his glory in propagating the gospel and saving souls, and let every one impress and be impressed that this is strictly an individual matter between each one and his or her God, and with all, and above all, let us, with all our might, lay hold on that outstretched hand that moves the world. Let us habitually importune his power and guidance, remembering that we are agents through whom this power is to be exerted. "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Respectfully submitted,

N. Q. ADAMS.

On motion the moderator was instructed to appoint a committee of three on apportionment to confer with the churches of the association in regard to the different mission funds fostered by the association. Whereupon the moderator appointed W. A. Wilson, G. A. Skidmore and G. A. Eddleman on said committee.

The committee on Orphanage made the following report which was discussed by Bro. J. J. Carter et al and adopted to wit:

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

This is an institution founded and sustained by the Baptists of the State of Mississippi and their sympathizers. It was chartered under the laws of the State on the 18th day of July, 1894, by L. S. Foster, O. D. Bowen, W. T. Lowrey, S. L. Hern, J. N. McMillen, L. M. Stone, W. I. Hargis, R. P. Bond, A. B. Hicks, H. D. White, and their successors in office for the sole purpose of supporting, educating and the proper training of destitute orphan children of white parentage who may be placed in care of said orphanage.

During the four years of the open existence, it has had within its doors, ninety-six orphans. Three only of whom have died, and the average number during the past year has been about fifty. All of these children have bodies to be clothed, mouths made partly to eat, and the cravings of a natural stomach to satisfy, also minds to train and properly develop, and thereby the better to prepare them to meet the responsibilities and perform the duties of good men and women in after life.

To properly carry out the purposes of the founders of this institution, the Orphanage needs, especially, three things, viz: money, the hearty co-operation of the great Baptist brotherhood of the State of Mississippi and the prayers of God's people, and we are pleased to report that the facts and figures, unmistakably prove, that the Orphanage has been well remembered by the contributing part of the Baptists of the State since its organization.

It has a property today, all contributed within the past ten years, estimated to be worth \$18,000.00, and it is now erecting a brick building which will greatly increase its capacity, which is much needed, as the present buildings are now full, and entrance to the home is frequently declined for want of room. This new building, when completed and properly furnished, will cost about \$12,000.00, making the total value of the Orphanage property about \$13,000.00.

About one-half the money necessary to complete the new building has been contributed, and the building committee, with this amount in hand, feel safe in proceeding with the work, looking to the liberality of the orphan sympathizing, Baptists and citizens of the State to give the needed amount to complete the work.

It cost at least five dollars per month to board, clothe, teach and properly care for each child, hence with only fifty children the monthly expenses for them alone would be \$250.00, making a total for this purpose \$3,000.00 per annum, added thereto the needed sum to complete and furnish the new building and other incidental and needed expenses, your committee is safe in saying that the needs of the Or-

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phanage will be at least, \$10,000.00 for this year, and the chairman of your committee prayerfully asks himself, as every Baptist and orphan sympathizer, should do, how much of this amount should he give?

To many brethren, especially those who never give or give grudgingly, the thought of raising \$10,000.00 seems impossible, but by way of encouragement to such, we would say that the thank-offering given to this institution alone last November, amounted to \$3728.24, and that the total receipts for the year were \$9697.24 an increase over any preceding year of over \$4,000.82.

In conclusion your committee would recommend that every pastor within the association hold a thanksgiving service at some one of his churches on Thanksgiving Day, in November, and take a collection for the Orphanage, and further that he appoint some suitable member at every church where service cannot be held, to take a private collection for the same purpose, and in addition thereto, we suggest that the several churches of the association raise funds sufficient to properly furnish one room in the new building which is now being constructed, to be known as the Chester Association room, thereby perpetuating in the Orphanage a remembrance of this body.

Respectfully submitted;

J. J. CARTER, Ch'mn.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report which was adopted, to-wit:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee appointed at the last session of your body beg leave to submit the following for your consideration and approval:

We glean from the statistical report submitted to Sunday school convention, some very interesting facts concerning the Sunday school work throughout the bounds of the association. The increase of the number of pupils attending school from 468 to 936, being 100 per cent. increase in enrollment and in average attendance from 287 to 581, being over 100 per cent in average attendance, should be a matter of gratitude and encouragement to the association in this department of our work. Hence we are forced to conclude that we have made no mistake in making it a special feature of our associational work, yet we cannot facilitate over our progress during the past year, when we note that some of our churches are without schools and of 2713 members enrolled in the churches represented in this association, only 936 are enrolled in the Sunday school, making an allowance of 10 per cent for the old and infirm and those not capacitated to take an active part in the Sunday school work, there would still remain 1506 out of the Sunday school, who should be enrolled as active workers.

Until every Baptist church in the association maintains a good Sunday school, enlisting all of its eligible members, let us not become too jubilant over our progress in the Sunday school work or satisfied with our present attainments.

We call special attention of the pastors of the churches and the older laymen to the great importance of giving more enthusiastic co-operation in this work. Without your efficient service and co-operation the work will be largely without spiritual cast, or profitable results to our churches.

We note with painful regret that some of our schools which are controlled and conducted by our young people and children, without the counsel of the active church members tend to become a social meeting on each Sabbath without regard to the great purpose and aim for which Sunday schools have been organized. We urge all of our schools to use the Southern Baptist Convention literature. We also recommend that the schools take regular quarterly collections for missions and that one of these be forwarded to our State Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WILSON, Chirman.

MISSIONS.

The committee on missions made the following report, which was discussed by A. V. Rowe, et. al. and adopted.

Your committee on missions report the following statistics compiled from the church letters:

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Home missions.....	39 09	
Home missions last year.....		38 40
General missions.....	21 80	
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Sunday school.....	68 76	
Sunday school last year.....		19 56
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Sustentation last year.....		
Relief of poor.....	52 00	
Relief of poor last year.....		17 25
Foreign missions.....	66 37	
Foreign missions last year.....		52 25
State missions.....	17 75	
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Mississippi College last year.....		5 00
Orphanage.....	34 38	
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or a gain of of 33½ per cent to all purposes. Your committee notes that the principal increase in the total of this report is largely due the increase in Sunday schools, Orphanage, Foreign missions and State missions. The increased interest in the mission work is gratifying to your committee.

We recommend that the churches be more exacting of clerks that a more correct record of their statistics may be reported to our next association.

W. A. WILSON,
G. A. SKIDMAN,
Committee.

W. A. Wilson, delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention made his report, after which the association proceeded to the election of a delegate to represent them in the next Southern Baptist Convention which resulted in the election of S. B. Dobbs as delegate and and G. A. Skidman alternate.

On motion the treasurer was ordered to pay W. A. Wilson his expenses as a delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

The committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education made the following report.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following for your consideration and approval:

Baptists have long held and shall still hold an honorable place as educators. Some of the oldest and also some of the most liberally endowed colleges and institutions of this country are Baptist. Among the institutions in the South of which Baptists may justly be proud, we mention with pride and gratitude to God, Mississippi College, the child of Providence and special gift of God to the Baptist denomination of Mississppi. We feel proud of this school. 1st—Because it is our own. 2d—Because of the noble work it has done in sending out godly, strong men into every vocation of life. 3d—Because of the excellency of the moral and Christian character of the president and professors in charge, their eminent scholarship, their soundness in

the "faith," once for all delivered to the saints. Mississippi College is worthy in every way of our hearty and most enthusiastic support. In this age of progress and education on the part of the masses, it is highly important that our ministry be well instructed, not only that they may be well prepared to properly instruct the people, but that they may be the better equipped to cope with the false issues and religious errors that are so prevalent throughout our land. A dull ax in the hands of a skillful axman may be used with effect; but a sharp ax would be more efficient in the same hands. A minister with a comparatively untrained mind may do good service in his calling, but the same mind well trained can be manifold more useful. Since many of our young men, called of God to preach the gospel are from among the poor in worldly goods, it would seem that the work of preparing these for their life calling, is laid upon the churches. In view of this your committee would recommend and urge that each church in this body make a liberal contribution, at least once a year, to this object.

We further recommend that each church in our association take a collection every year for Mississippi College.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. SKIDMAN, Ch'm.

Rev. W. T. Lowry, president of Mississippi College, then addressed the association on the advantages and needs of the College, at the close of which the following amounts were subscribed to the endowment fund, to-wit:

W. A. Wilson, French Camp.....	\$ 25 00
H. R. Kite, Burney.....	25 00
M. V. Noffsinger, West Point.....	35 00
G. A. Eddleman, Weir.....	25 00
G. A. Skidman, Bradley.....	25 00
S. B. Dobbs, Chester.....	10 00
W. H. H. Fancher, French Camp.....	5 00
J. T. Sargeant, Ackerman.....	5 00

Report was adopted.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee on Temperance made the following report, which was discussed by Rev. M. V. Noffsinger, et. al. and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on Temperance begs leave to submit the following report:

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was adopted.

This is an old, even a trite subject in our association, but its importance is such as to demand our continued and constant attention.

God, in his word, demands that we "be temperate in all things." Had I chose the caption, I should have written, instead of temperance, total abstinence.

It is morally wrong to do anything of bad tendency or influence, when there is no absolute necessity for so doing. The temperate or moderate drinker of today will probably be the excessive drinker or drunkard of tomorrow, at least it is safe to say that the inebriates of the future will come as a rule, from the moderate drinkers of the present. While it is absolutely certain that the man who continues in total abstinence can never be a drunkard, hence we greatly prefer to advocate total abstinence, rather than mere temperance.

While God hates sin with an uncompromising hatred, he loves and saves the sinner. So let us in this contest, while we resolutely oppose the giant evil of intemperance, love its victims and extend to them a brotherly hand. Despite their great fault they are our brethren, and have much in common that is good with our race. So let us ever be careful to make a clean cut distinction between the evil and the evil doer.

Therefore, the Chester Association, representing about 3,000 citizens of the state of Mississippi, does, hereby memorialize the United States Congress not to re-establish the army canteen, and that our clerk is hereby instructed to put a copy of these resolutions into the hands of each of our congressmen and senators.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. WATSON,
G. H. SKIDMAN.

The Committee on Woman's Work made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your committee, beg to report as follows:

Amount of money raised by Ladies' Aid Society.....	\$165 00
Amount expended.....	97 00

We recommend that the pastors impress upon their congregations the importance of this work and aid the sisters in organizing Ladies Aid Societies in each church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. COLE, Chairman.

The Committee on Obituaries made the following report, which was adopted.

CHESTER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, the Committee on Obituaries, have nothing special to report; there has been a number of deaths during the last Associational year, yet we cannot make personal mention of any of them, but we believe that it may be said of them that they lived as Christians, were true to their church, true to their fellow creatures and true to their God. We believe they did good work in their homes, in their communities and in their churches, and are now at rest. We tender our sympathies to the bereaved families in their deep trouble and urge them to prepare while living to meet them in that happy land where happiness never ends and separations never take place.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. W. FOSTER,
B. C. MCGARITY,
J. M. MURPHY,
Committee.

The committee appointed at the association to look after the welfare of Bro. W. A. Edwards made the following report:

We, your committee appointed to look after the welfare of Bro. Edwards, make the following report:

We find Bro. Edwards in a very destitute condition, being unable to wait on himself, therefore your committee recommend a public collection for his benefit and also recommend that a committee of three be appointed to look after his welfare and report at the next meeting of this body.

We find that he has received the following amounts:

Pleasant Ridge church, \$2.00; Sister S. E. Blair, \$1.25. Total \$3.25.

W. T. WEEKS,
L. C. FUNDERBUSH,
RUFUS D. PREWITT,
Committee.

The Finance committee made the following report:

FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

Received for minutes.....	\$ 31 25
Received for Orphanage.....	1 00
Received for Foreign missions.....	5 00
Received for Home missions.....	14 05
Received for State missions.....	3 75

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Oct. 14. Bro. Edwards

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

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Received for associational purposes.....	9 00
Received from collections.....	14 00
Received for Bro. Edwards.....	16 80

Total.....\$94 88

We have examined the treasurer's report and find the same correct.
Respectfully submitted,

NOAH FANCHER,

J. W. FRANKLIN,

J. T. WEATHERALL.

A collection and pledges were taken for the purpose of giving Bro. Edwards medical aid as follows:

Bro. A. V. Rowe, \$10.00; Bro. N. Q. Adams, \$5.00; Bro. David Burney, \$5.00; Bro. J. T. Sargeant, \$5.00; Bro. B. E. Watson, \$5.00; Bro. E. R. Seward, \$5.00; Bro. J. L. Pamer, \$5.00; collection Bethlehem church, \$3.60; collection congregation, \$13.20. Total, \$56.80.

The moderator appointed Bros. E. R. Seward, G. D. Weatherall and Jesse Naugh to further look after the welfare of Bro. Edwards.

The association adopted the following:

TREASURERS REPORT.

I beg to submit the following as my report of the funds received and disbursed since my last report:

1900.		
Oct. 8.	To cash on hand last report.....	\$ 19 75
"	Amount from finance committee.....	31 06
"	General missions.....	5 40
"	Home missions.....	10 85
"	State missions.....	5 40
"	Foreign missions.....	9 00
"	Orphanage.....	3 40
"	Associational purposes.....	12 90
"	Collections.....	16 90
"	Bro. W. A. Edwards.....	17 95
"	By amount paid Bro. W. H. H. Fancher.....	\$ 16 65
"	Amount paid Home missions.....	10 85
"	State missions.....	5 40
"	Foreign missions.....	9 00
Oct. 14.	Bro. Edwards.....	17 95
Nov. 1.	Orphanage.....	11 85
"	Ministerial education.....	8 45
"	General missions.....	5 40
"	Printing minutes.....	25 00

CHESTER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

" Freight and postage.....	4 96
" Clerk.....	10 00
1901.	
Oct. 5. Cash on hand.....	7 15
Total.....	\$132 61 \$ 132 61

Respectfully submitted, Oct. 5, 1901,

S. B. DOBBS, Clerk and Treas.

The Committee on nominations made the following report:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee beg to report that we have nominated Bro. C. H. Dobbs to preach the next introductory sermon at your next association and Bro. J. H. D. Watson, alternate. Also have nominated J. R. W. Foster, W. F. Cole and B. C. McGarity as your executive committee. Adopted.

On motion the clerk was allowed \$10 for his services.

The following resolution of thanks was offered and adopted:

1. Resolved, That our hearty thanks are tendered to the Baptist church and citizens of Ackerman, for hospitable entertainment of this association.

2. That our hearty thanks are tendered the Methodist brethren for the use of their church, and the Campbellite and Presbyterian churches for the kindly offering of the use of their respective churches.

On motion adjourned.

S. B. DOBBS, Clerk.

W. H. H. FANCHER, Moderator.



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1. We believe in only the Holy Ghost. Deut. 10:17.

2. We believe the Scriptures are the works of God. 2d Tim. 3:16; Romans 10:17.

3. We believe in the people in Christ before time. 11; 2d Thes. 2:13; Rom. 8:29.

4. We believe in the resurrection. 7:14-17.

5. We believe in man's ability to recover himself from sin. Rom. 9:16; John 6:44.

6. We believe that the imputed righteousness of Christ is ours by faith.

7. We believe that we are sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Cor. 6:11.

8. We believe that sinners are finally away. Col. 3:3;

9. We believe that Jesus Christ and baptism and that by immersion. 28:19, 26 and 27; Col. 2:12.

10. We believe in eternal judgments and that the wicked will be eternally punished.

11. We believe that the ordinances of the Gospel are necessary and comes under the law. 4:5; 1st Cor. 9:15; 1st Tim. 3:16.

12. We believe that we have the right to commune at the Lord's table.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only in one living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Deut. 6:14; Mark 12:29; 1st John 5:6.
2. We believe the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the works of God and the only rule of Faith and practice. 2d Tim. 3:9; Romans 10:18.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world. Eph. 1, 4, 5 and 11; 2d Thes. 2:13; Rom. 9:11 and 11:5.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Psalms 5:11; Rom. 7:14-17.
5. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Rom. 9:16; John 6:44.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. Isa 55:17; Rom. 4:3.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. John 10:16; 1st Thes. 2:12; John 17:2; Cor. 6:11.
8. We believe the saints shall be present in grace and never fall finally away. Col. 3:3; 1st Peter 1:5.
9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism and that by immersion only was the apostolic practice. Mat. 28:19, 26 and 27; Col. 2:12; Romans 6:5.
10. We believe in the resurrection after death, and in the general judgments and that the felicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John 5:20, 28; 2d Cor. 5:10.
11. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who is regularly baptised, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Eph. 4:5; 1st Cor. 9:15; 1st Tim. 4:14.
12. We believe that none but regularly baptised believers have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Acts 2:41, 42.

Table of Delegates Enrolled.

Ackerman—G. D. Weatherall, Jesse Hughes, Jesse Naugh, J. Ben Mitchell.
 Bethlehem—W. T. Weeks, J. D. Weeks, Joe Bassen.
 Blythe Creek—Malon Banks, F. T. Milligan, A. R. Hester, Smith Bradberry.
 Beulah—G. A. Eddleman, J. T. Pilcher, H. B. Black.
 Bethany—J. M. Weaver, T. M. Jones, Z. T. Metar.
 Bear Creek—E. B. Roberts, T. W. Bridges, Will Wade, Jas. Vice.
 Bluff Springs—W. A. Bagwell, W. W. Bagwell, J. J. Franklin, J. E. Franklin.
 Clear Springs—J. L. Smith, J. W. Perry, J. A. Biggers, J. W. Ramage.
 Center Grove—
 Double Springs—B. F. Oswell, N. N. McIlwain; J. O. Templeton.
 Ennis—J. W. York, A. W. Betts, Ike Barrentrill, R. M. Patterson.
 Ebenezer—W. G. Box, Leonas Haden, James Mitchell.
 Fellowship—Noah Fondren, J. W. Franklin, J. W. Woodward.
 Fentress—J. B. Warrell, Rufus Prewitt.
 French Camp—W. H. H. Fancher, W. A. Wilson, C. B. Wilson, C. W. Burks.
 McCurtains Creek—C. J. Buse, J. D. Collum, Wm. Holloway.
 Mt. Olivet—No delegates.
 Mt. Moriah—C. F. Prewitt, M. L. Harris, H. R. Kite, J. E. Warrel.
 Mt. Pisgah—W. N. Dobbs, C. H. Dobbs, D. L. Humphries.
 New Zion—J. T. Weatherall, Bob Keen, D. P. Franks, J. T. Keen.
 New Haven—J. N. Franks, S. H. M. Campbell, J. A. Chambler, N. M. Nail.
 New Hope—G. B. Pearson, John Malone, James Claredy.
 Pleasant Ridge—N. Q. Adams, W. W. Sanders, T. E. ykes, N. B. Quin.
 Providence—J. H. D. Watson, D. E. Merideth, W. J. Blair, B. E. Watson.
 Poplar Creek—R. C. Watson, V. B. Applewhite, J. L. Threadgill.
 Ruhama—B. C. McGarity, S. B. Dobbs, J. R. W. Foster, J. M. Murphy.
 Spring Hill—D. G. Fondren, G. Tinnix, J. P. Williams, J. J. Long.
 Sturges—Alex Strand, W. O. Walker, R. L. Webb.
 Sykes Chapel—R. B. Lewis, G. W. Hall, T. G. Sanders, C. R. Sanders.
 Self Creek—G. M. Vaughan, W. J. Butler, W. F. Faucher, Charles Templeton.
 Wake Forest—G. B. Green, R. E. Hannah, D. M. Berry, Edger Green.
 Woods Springs—No letter.
 On motion J. J. Neely, W. J. Wilson, G. A. Skidman, Garret Glover and W. Stedman were seated as delegates from their respective churches.

SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	ADD
Bear Creek.....	J. H. Ward.....	McCool.
Blythe Creek.....	Marlin Brooks.....	Pinto...
Wake Forest.....	Edgar Green...	Sturgis
Ruhama.....	S. B. Dobbs.....	Chester
Pleasant Ridge...	S. A. Wilson....	Bradley
Bluff Springs.....	J. J. Franklin..	Ourtown
Sykes Chapel.....	R. B. Lewis.....	Bradley
Bethany.....	I. L. Hargis.....	Lynch
Beulah.....	H. B. Black.....	Wier.
Ackerman.....	W. F. Cole.....	Acker
French Camp.....	W. A. Wilson..	French
Mt. Moriah.....	M. L. Harris...	French
Providence.....	W. L. Mills.....	Faber
Fellowship.....	N. Fondren.....	Pinto.
Double Springs..		Self C
Self Creek.....	M. Harpole.....	Self C
Bethlehem.....		Faber
Clear Springs.....	Jos. Boland.....	Adato
New Hope.....	Jas. Clardy.....	Adato
Ennis.....	R. M. Paterson..	Bradley
Zion.....	R. B. Lewis.....	Bradley
McCurtains Creek	T. N. Trusoll..	Bank
New Zion.....	J. T. Weatherall	Burn
Total.....		
Last year.....		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SUPERINTEND- ENTS.	ADDRESS.	No. Pupils.	Average.	No. Teachers.	Am't Literature	Expenses.	Literature.	DELEGATES.	No. Baptised.	No School.
J. H. Ward	McCool	40	25	4	4 55	\$ 50	S. B. C.	E. B. Roberts Miss Maggie Landrum.	6	New Haven
Marlin Brooks.	Pinto	68	40	6	4 50		S. B. C.	G. B. Green.		Spring Hill
Edgar Green	Sturgis	28	18	2	1 75		S. B. C.	Estelle Dobbs.		Mt. Pisgah
S. B. Dobbs	Chester	25	15	2	3 25		S. B. C.	Lucy Roberts.		Poplar Creek
S. A. Wilson	Bradley	63	45	4	4 00		S. B. C.	W. W. Sanders.	4	
J. J. Franklin	Ourtown	150	90	7	12 00		S. B. C.	T. E. Sykes		
R. B. Lewis	Bradley	35	20	3	1 25	25	S. B. C.	Mary Stanton.	2	
I. L. Hargis	Lynch	35	25	4	5 00		S. B. C.	Maggie Black	3	
H. B. Black	Wier	46	26	7	4 52		S. B. C.	R. B. Lewis	7	
W. F. Cole	Ackerman	35	25	6	2 80		S. B. C.	G. A. Skidman	11	
W. A. Wilson	French Camp	36	16	2	3 94	32	S. B. C.	J. H. Eddleman		
M. L. Harris	French Camp	52	25	4	1 60		S. B. C.	E. D. Bowie		
W. L. Mills	Faber	26	20	5	1 50		S. B. C.	Cora Allen		Fentress
N. Fondren	Pinto	50	30	3	4 00		S. B. C.	Oscar Carter		
M. Harpole	Self Creek	30	20	3	1 50		S. B. C.	W. F. Butler		Bethlehem
Jos. Boland	Faber	30	20	4	3 00		S. B. C.	W. F. Fondren		Double Springs
Jas. Clardy	Adaton	48	25	3	3 00	50	Union.	George B. Pearson		
R. M. Paterson	Bradley	38	12	3	65	25	S. B. C.	J. E. Veozey		Ebenezer
R. B. Lewis	Bradley	31	25	2	1 80	25	S. B. C.	J. W. York		
T. N. Trusoid	Bankston	28	14	4	2 50		S. B. C.	I. C. Borrentine		
J. T. Weatheral	Burney	40	30	5	1 75		S. B. C.	R. B. Lewis		
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								Paul Burke		
								Bob Keen	33	
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Churches.

Pastors and Postoffice.

Ackerman.....	M. V. Noffsinger, West Poi
Bethlehem	J. T. Sargent, Ackerman...
Blythe Creek...	N. Q. Adams, Sturgis.....
Beulah.....	J. T. Sargent, Ackerman...
Bethany.....	B. E. Watson, Faber.
Bear Creek.....	W. H. H. Fancher, French C
Bluff Springs.....	J. H. D. Watson, Kennegar.
Clear Springs.....	C. H. Dobbs, Byroy.....
Center Grove.....	
Double Springs..	Jasper Watson, Maber
Ennis.....	G. E. McDaniel.....
Ebenezer.....	B. E. Watson, Faber.....
Fellowship	T. H. Middleton, Clarkson...
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New Hope.....	N. B. Wallace, Lockafamer.
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Providence	J. H. D. Watson, Kenago...
Ruhama	W. H. H. Fancher, Fr'ch C
Spring Hill	N. Q. Adams, Sturgis.....
Sturgis.....	
Sykes Chapel.....	Geo. E. McDaniel.....
Self Creek.....	N. Q. Adams, Sturgis.....
Wake Forest.....	C. H. Dobbs, Byroy.....
Wood Springs.....	
Poplar Creek.....	W. H. H. Fancher, Fr'ch C

Total.....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Pastors and Postoffice.	Clerks and Postoffices.	Increase.			Decrease.			Membership last Year.			Membership this Year.			Church Organiz'd.	Value of C. Prop'y	Day of Preaching.
		Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Death.	Letter.	Exclusions.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.			
M. V. Noffsinger, West Point.	J. Harris, Ackerman.	11	13	...	1	10	...	41	50	91	42	62	104	1885	...	1st Sun
J. T. Sargent, Ackerman.	Joe Barron.	...	1	...	...	3	...	41	63	114	49	67	116	...	600	...
N. Q. Adams, Sturgis.	A. R. Hester, Pinto.	9	3	3	3	9	7	30	83	121	33	80	113	...	...	2 sat-su
J. T. Sargent, Ackerman.	W. O. Steele, Weir.	13	3	1	...	2	...	29	27	56	37	34	71	1861	650	1 sat-su
B. E. Watson, Faber.	J. L. Hughes, Lynch.	...	1	...	...	2	...	18	26	44	18	25	43	1881	200	3 sat-su
W. H. H. Fancher, French C'p	W. H. Black, McCool.	11	2	...	3	4	2	113	129	242	114	138	252	1885	800	1 sat-su
J. H. D. Watson, Kennebec.	J. J. Franklin, Ourtown.	2	1	...	5	4	...	78	69	147	73	68	140	...	400	1 sat-su
C. H. Dobbs, Byroy.	J. W. Runnige, Faber.	5	1	1	...	4	...	16	41	57	...	...	64	...	...	...
Jasper Watson, Maber.	J. O. Templeton, Double Spg	15	...	3	...	17	2	48	87	135	51	83	134	...	...	...
G. E. McDaniel.	A. W. Betts	4	3	...	...	...	...	24	33	57	...	...	64	...	...	...
B. E. Watson, Faber.	J. W. Wills, Crape.	4	...	1	...	11	2	36	36	72	33	32	65	...	...	...
T. H. Middleton, Clarkson.	J. W. Woodward, Pinto.	8	2	1	...	2	...	46	64	110	49	62	112	...	400	1st sun
W. H. H. Fancher, Fr'ch C'p.	W. A. Taylor, French Camp.	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	64	...	...	63	...	1500	2-4 sun
J. T. Sargent, Ackerman.	R. D. Pruitt, Fentress.	...	...	...	1	...	...	14	24	38	14	23	37	1892	100	1st sun
J. H. Peacock, Bankston.	W. J. Trussell, Bankston.	6	5	...	2	10	3	...	...	126	63	76	138	...	...	...
N. Q. Adams, Sturgis.	C. H. Butler, Chapel.	...	1	...	...	3	...	15	33	48	14	31	45	...	100	3 sat-su
J. H. D. Watson, Kennago.	H. R. Kite, Kennebec.	7	4	...	1	2	...	31	34	65	33	35	68	...	...	4 sat-su
David Burney, Ackerman.	Wm. Bowles, Opal.	3	...	...	2	3	...	50	60	110	55	57	112	1845	500	1 sat-su
W. H. H. Fancher, Fr'ch C'p.	Bob Keen, Burney.	3	1	...	2	5	4	56	83	139	54	78	132	...	...	1 sat-su
J. W. Sims, McCool.	A. W. Chemblee, Bankston.	1	5	1	...	4	1	39	62	101	38	65	103	1880	250	3rd sun
N. B. Wallace, Lockafamer.	G. B. Pearson.	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	37	50	1887	...	...
N. B. Wallace, Lockafamer.	J. A. Brown, Bradley.	5	8	...	2	4	...	29	43	72	31	49	80	1858	500	1 sat-su
J. H. D. Watson, Kenago.	J. H. McCarty, Faber.	2	2	...	...	2	...	71	57	128	72	58	130	1885	250	2 sat-su
W. H. H. Fancher, Fr'ch C'p.	S. R. W. Foster, Chester.	1	4	...	...	3	...	32	28	60	30	27	57	...	400	1 sat-su
N. Q. Adams, Sturgis.	W. W. Kellem, Dido.	6	7	2	2	3	3	37	60	97	43	60	103	1847	300	1st sun
Geo. E. McDaniel.	R. L. Webb, Sturgis.	1	5	...	1	1	...	12	16	28	14	18	32	...	...	...
N. Q. Adams, Sturgis.	R. B. Lewis, Bradley.	7	...	...	1	2	...	19	23	42	21	31	52	...	...	3 sat-su
C. H. Dobbs, Byroy.	W. F. Fondren.	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	20	36	...	...	...
W. H. H. Fancher, Fr'ch C'p.	G. B. Green, Sturgis.	2	2	...	1	10	2	32	35	67	27	33	60	...	309	2nd sun
	L. J. Boothe, Hilmicheat.	9	6	...	6	2	1	41	60	104	42	70	112	1849	...	1 sat-su
		158	82	13	33	123	27	981	1326	2522	1185	1418	2593	\$ 7250		

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TENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
**CHESTER BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.**

HELD WITH THE
POPLAR CREEK CHURCH
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OCT. 4, 5, & 6, 1902.

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W. H. H. FANCHER, FRENCH CAMP,
MODERATOR

S. B. DOBBS, ACKERMAN,
CLERK

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NEXT MEETING ON SATURDAY BEFORE 1ST LORD'S DAY
IN OCT 1903, AT SPRING HILL CHURCH, 9 MILES
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H. L. RHODES DELEGATE TO S. B. CONVENTION. N. Q. ADAMS, ALTERNATE

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organization.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
3. Call for correspondence.
4. Appointment of special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.
6. Report on Missions.
7. Report on systematic giving.
8. Report on Sunday Schools.
9. Report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.
10. Report on Publications.
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12. Report on Sustentation.
13. Report on Obituaries.
14. Report on Orphanage.
15. Report of S. B. C. Delegate.
16. Report of Treasurer.
17. Report of Executive Com.
18. Report of finance com.
19. Appointment of standing com.
20. Prayer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—N. Q. Adams, D. M. Berry, L. C. Funderberg.
 Systematic Giving—G. D. Weatherall, W. T. Weeks, W. F. Cole
 Mississippi College and Ministerial Education—H. L. Rhodes,
 J. M. Harris, Money Adams.
 Sunday School—G. A. Skidmore, W. A. Wilson, Moses Black.
 Publications—J. R. W. Foster, B. C. McGarity, J. M. Murphy.
 Temperance—J. H. D. Watson, O. F. Chamblee, H. R. Kite.
 Obituaries—B. E. Watson, John Biggers, J. T. Weatherall.
 Sustentation—C. H. Dobbs, F. T. Milligan, C. H. Franklin.
 Orphanage—J. J. Carter, J. M. Black, R. L. Black.
 Nominations—W. J. Wilson, W. J. Frazier, N. H. Fancher.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

N. Q. Adams, Sturges	David Burney, Ackerman.
Moses Black, Sturges	C. H. Dobbs, Bywy.
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1896	Providence..	Chas. L Lewis.	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
1897	Pleasant Rdg	David Burney.	W H H Fancher..	" " " " " "
1898	Bluff Spr'gs	G S Jenkins..	" " " " " "	S B Dobbs
1899	Mt. Pisgah..	M L Oswalt...	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
1900	Beulah	N Q Adams.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
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PROCEEDINGS.

The Chester Baptist Association met in its tenth annual session with the Poplar Creek Church, Montgomery county, Miss. at 10 o'clock A. M. on Saturday, Oct. 4, A. D. 1902, congregation singing "How Firm a Foundation." The Association was called to order by the moderator, W. H. H. Fancher, who read the 116th Psalm, and prayer was led by Bro. Moses Black.

On motion the reading of church letters was dispensed with and same were referred to committee on digest of letters.

The moderator appointed J. W. Franklin, A. W. Chamblee and G. D. Weatherall as committee on digest of church letters.

The Association then went into permanent organization, when the moderator appointed Bros. F. R. Burney and John Drane as tellers, who, after the vote was taken announced the election of W. H. H. Fancher moderator and S. B. Dobbs clerk. After impressive remarks by the moderator, was led in prayer by Bro. N. Q. Adams.

On motion Bro. W. J. Wilson was recognized as delegate from French Camp church.

The moderator appointed W. J. Wilson, W. J. Frazier and A. B. Black on Finance committee.

The moderator called for correspondence when the following brethren presented themselves and were invited to seats with us:

T. J. Bailey, representing the Baptist.

Kosciusko Association—D. L. Wilson, F. R. Burney, W. F. Skinner, R. J. Thrailkill.

Yazoo Association—J. L. Phelps, J. H. Drane, W. C. Leonard.

Columbus Association—D. B. Allen, A. T. Camp.

Zion Association—S. L. Ray.

Southern Baptist Convention—S. B. Dobbs.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Kosciusko Association—R. C. Watson, L. J. Booth.

Louisville Association—S. B. Dobbs.

State Convention—B. C. McGarity, B. E. Watson, N. Q. Adams, S. B. Dobbs.

The committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education being absent, the moderator appointed H. L. Rhodes, F. T. Milligan on committee to make report.

On motion Bro. T. J. Bailey was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, neither of the appointees being present.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the Association suspended business to hear the sermon, which was preached from Eph. 2:1-9, by brother Bailey.

On motion the Association adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together at 1:30 o'clock, singing "When I can read my title clear."

The moderator appointed the pastor and deacons of Poplar Creek church and Bros. Estelle Bowie and Dave Jones committee on devotional exercises.

The order of business was suspended and the committee on Publications made the following report, which after being discussed by Bros. Bailey and Skinner, was adopted;

We, your committee on Publications, submit the following report: We believe the Bible to be the best book to be read and taught in our families; one that should be read more carefully and prayerfully than any other book. We fully recognize the power of the religious press as one of the great means of spreading the Gospel truths in our land and think that good books and papers should be kept in every home. Therefore we request our ministers to do all they can in circulating good baptist literature among the churches. The Baptist is a good paper, one that should be read by every

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family; we also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field and Orphans' Gem. These journals are in reach of all, and every baptist family should have them. For Sunday School literature, we recommend the periodicals published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville. Respectfully submitted,

D. M. BERRY, for com.

The committee on Sustentation made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Sustentation begs leave to report as follows: Have we any poor and needy persons in our churches? Are they looked after and their wants supplied? Do we give the matter our careful and prayerful attention that it demands? There is no doubt that it is clearly taught in the Scriptures that they should be cared for by the church to which they belong. If their wants cannot be supplied by the home church and the relations of these unfortunate ones then the church should apply to the Association for help. Too little attention is given to this matter in most of our churches. Let us be more watchful and diligent about this matter in the future than we have been in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. MCGARITY

J. M. MURPHY.

J. R. W. FOSTER.

The committee on Temperance made the following report, which, after being discussed by N. Q. Adams, J. L. Phelps, W. F. Skinner, D. L. Wilson, Tommie Fox and T. J. Bailey, was adopted:

Your committee on Temperance begs leave to report as follows: Temperance is one of the most important question that should claim the attention of christian people. There has been some progress made in arresting the onward move of intemperance by hard work and strong legislation that has been secured along this line, yet there remains much to be done. It is a lamentable truth that whisky is being sold in some way in many places in the state, and it is a lamentable fact that baptists to some extent are aiding in the sale of whisky, for all who buy or drink it are friendly to the traffic, and no christian should in any way aid or lend a helping hand in anything that is soul-destroying in its nature, and the best way to show that we are against it is to touch not, taste not nor handle the unclean thing.

Resolved, That this Association memorialize the Legislature

of this state in its next session to enact a law absolutely prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage in this state.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Q. ADAMS, Ch'rm. com.

The delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, S. B. Dobbs, made his report and was enrolled as a delegate from the Convention.

On motion J. E. Gregg was seated as a delegate from Clear Springs Church.

The motion to stop paying the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention was voted down by a rising vote.

The Association then proceeded to elect a delegate to the next Convention, when H. L. Rhodes was elected delegate and N. Q. Adams alternate.

The Association then selected Spring Hill Church, nine miles northeast of Ackerman, Choctaw county, as the next place of meeting.

The committee on devotional exercises made a partial report as follows: That brother T. J. Bailey preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the house and brother D. B. Allen preach at the same hour in the grove. Adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Baptist Sunday School Convention of the Chester Association convened. The Convention was called to order by the President, W. A. Wilson, the congregation singing "Alas and did my Savior bleed." Led in prayer by brother T. J. Bailey, after which the song "I gave my life for thee" was sung. The 116th Psalm was read and prayer offered by brother D. B. Allen.

The President then appointed Rufus D. Prewitt, J. M. Harris and A. B. Black committee on credentials.

The Convention then went into the election of officers for another year when G. A. Skidmore was elected President and G. D. Weatherall vice president for the 1st district and J. J. Franklin vice president for the 2nd district.

The president then read an able address to the Convention. "Stand up for Jesus" was sung. Adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Saturday night, brother N. Q. Adams preached at D. B. Young's from John 21:22.

Sunday at 11 o'clock brother Bailey preached in the church from Heb. 12:1-4. Bro. Allen preached in the grove at same hour from Acts 20:35.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Congregation came together at 2 o'clock p. m., congregation singing "Nearer my God to Thee." Led in prayer by brother Arthur Flake. Song, "Come we that love the Lord."

Bro. L. P. Leavel, Sunday School Secretary of the State Board, then delivered a very able and impressive address to the Convention, after which the congregation sung "Stand up for Jesus." The Convention was then addressed by brother Arthur Flake, the gifted Sunday School worker, of Winona, Miss.

The committee on Credentials then made their report which was adopted. On motion Convention adjourned,

DELEGATES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Ackerman—J M Harris, F J Hughes, C L Dobbs
Bear Creek—J H Ward
New Hope—G A Skidmore, W W Carpenter, G R Pearson
Bethany—J M Weaver, Z T Melton, M Jones
Self Creek—W H Ricks
New Zion—Blumer Burford, J L Weatherall
Beulah—Miss Nora Bowie, J W Pilcher
Wake Forest—D M Berry
Sturges—B G Haman, D O Morgan, Sister Cora T Haman
French Camp—Wm A Taylor and wife.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE

NAME OF SCHOOL	SUPT. AND POSTOFFICE.	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	No Pupils.	Kind of Literature	Am't paid for Literature	Am't for Literature	Am't for Missions	Am't for Orphanage	Am't for minutes	Joined Ch'cl
Ackerman	W F Cole, Ackerman	J M Harris Ackerman	75	S B	21 30	3 00	5 00	1 45	45	3
Bear Creek	D Landrum, McCool	Robt M Wade, McCool	25	"	3 00	5 00	1 45	1 45	45	3
New Hope	Jas Claridy, Adaton	Susie Seitz, Starkville	60	"	5 00	5 00	1 45	1 45	45	6
Bethany	J L Hughes, Lynch	Ollie Cochran, Lynch	27	"	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	8
Self Creek	W E Fulgham, Self Cr.	W H Ricks, Self Creek	67	"	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	10
New Zion	J T Weatherall, Burney	Paul Burks, Burney	20	"	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	10
Beulah	Arthur Black, Weir	W A Coleman, Weir	54	"	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	10
Wake Forest	D M Berry, Sturges	Ina Berry, Sturges	38	"	2 25	2 25	2 25	2 25	2 25	10
Sturges	R L Webb, Sturges	Genie Scarbrough	25	A B	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	3
Pleasant Ridge	S A Wilson, Bradley	Geo Buckner, Bradley	59	S B	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	3
Clear Springs	J L Smith, Faber	Ada Biggers, Faber	30	"	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	3
French Camp	W A Taylor, Fr Camp	J G Fancher, Fr Camp	25	"	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	3
Providence	J H McCarty, Faber	Ivy Bowie, Faber	30	"	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	3
Fellowship	GW Cummings Mathist'n	Effie Ballard, Sapa	40	"	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	3
Double Springs	TC Archibald Double Sp	J H Scrogins Double Spr	74	"	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3
Blythe Creek	Remus Graves Ack'rman	W T Graves Ackerman	40	"	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	3
Bethlehem	R B Lewis, Bradley	H E Montgom'ry Bradley	15	"	2 30	2 30	2 30	2 30	2 30	3
Zion	"	M L Hall, Bradley	30	"	2 30	2 30	2 30	2 30	2 30	3
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MONDAY MORNING.

Monday morning, Oct. 6, 1902 10 a. m.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, congregation singing "Amazing Grace." Prayer by brother F. R. Burney.

The committee on Systematic Giving made the following report which was adopted after being spoken to by brother B. E. Watson, J. L. Phelps, W. H. H. Fancher et al:

We, your committee on Systematic Giving, beg leave to submit the following report. System in christian giving is indispensable in order to successful church work. We believe the SYSTEMATIC GIVING greatest need of our churches just now is system. Our people are benevolent and ready to give to every good work, if the matter was properly brought before them. Since God has commanded us to perform certain duties such as aiding the poor and needy and giving to the spread of the Gospel &c, and the performance of these duties requires the use of our means to a certain extent. Some methods should be adopted which would enable us to perform them with regularity and efficiency. Since God requires a gift from every one, we should adopt a system or plan that would reach each member as far as practicable, so that every one might be enlisted in this great work.

Respectfully submitted J. H. D. WATSON }
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B. E. WATSON }

On motion the report on womans work was dispensed with.

On motion brother W F Taylor was enrolled as a delegate from New Hope church.

On motion brothers B. E. Watson and J. J. Miller were enrolled as delegates from Providence church.

Bro. N. Q. Adams offered the following resolution of thanks which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the membership of Poplar Creek church, and the people in general of this community for their kindness shown the messengers and delegates of this Association during our stay among them.

The committee on nominations reported that W. H. H. Fancher preach the next Introductory Sermon: M. W. Black, alternate. Executive Committee—E. M. Barron, E. R. Seward and W. F. Cole.

The Committee on Digest of Church Letters made the following report which was adopted:

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report:

DELEGATES ENROLLED FROM CHURCH LETTERS.

Ackerman, S B Dobbs, H L Rhodes, G D Weatherall.
 Bethlehem, J J Edwards, J Leonard, W T Weeks, M W Black.
 Blythe Creek, A R Hester, F T Milligan, J W Ward, T A Hester
 Beulah, E D Bowie, W S Black, Arthur Black.
 Bethany, J M Weaver, Z T Melton, T M Jones.
 Bear Creek, W J Frazier, J H Ward, W D Jones, N H Fancher.
 Bluff Springs, W A Bagwell, J Brown, W P Peoples, C A Lindsey
 Clear Spring, J W Perry, J T Stepenson M L Gregg J A Biggers
 Center Grove, Not represented.
 Double Springs, T C Archibald, I Neely, J L Neely.
 Ennis, Not represented.
 Ebenezer, W G Box, R W Box, H Wills, B F Pearson.
 Fellowship, J W Franklin, G W Cummings, Noah Frondren.
 M C Lewis.
 French Camp, W H H Fancher, J J Carter, C W Burks.
 Fentress, Rufus D. Prewitt.
 McCurtain Cr, G W McGaugh, W D Upchurch, J D Collum J
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 Mt Olivet, N Q Adams.
 Mt Moriah, L M Harris, H M Steele, J H Kite, J J Rabun.
 Mt Pisgah, C H Dobbs, Frank Bollis, D L Humphries.
 New Zion, Joe Thompson, G W Hodges J L Weatherall, B Burford
 New Haven, O F Chamblee, A J Campbell, H A Crenshaw, A W
 Chamblee.
 New Hope, G A Skidmore, W W Carpenter, J Malone.
 Pleasant Ridge, N Q Adams, Geo Buckner, W W Sanders S A
 Wilson,
 Providence, J H D Watson, W W Daves, S D McCarty, J H
 Johnson.
 Poplar Creek, S G Threadgill, R B Power, C A Bagwell.
 Ruhama, B C McGarity, J E Perry, S Gordon, J M Murphy.
 Spring Hill, J P Williams, J M Kellum, J J Long, J M Weaver.
 Sturges, B G Haman, D O Morgan, Cora T Haman.
 Self Creek, W H Ricks, R C Crow, W J Phelps, E O Neely.
 Sykes Chapel, Not Represented.
 Wake Forest, D M Berry, D L Walker, O G Green, J A Avants
 Wood Springs, Dan Peacock, Charley Wood, Tom Fox.

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NAME OF CHURCH	Baptisms	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Association's Purposes	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Pastor's Salary	Minutes	Other Purposes								
Ackerman	6	35	3	00		5	00	1240	\$200	1 00 15 50								
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Beulah	12	2	50	3	40	4	85	3	40	5 00 1 00 37 45								
Bethany			2	00	2	25			1	00 3 35								
Bear Creek	13	4	35	3	35		1	00	105	2 00								
Bluff Springs	5		2	00	2	00	1	00	50	50								
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Providence	11			5	00	5	00			1 50								
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The committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education made the following report, which after discussion by H. L. Rhodes and D. B. Allen, was adopted:

The committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education submits the following report: Mississippi College is the only institution of learning in the state owned exclusively by the Baptist. Her curriculum is as high and her work is as thorough as any other college in the state.

In no respect is she inferior, but in many ways we consider her greatly superior to our sister colleges. There could not be found a faculty of more thoroughly consecrated christian men; and no college sends out men better equipped to fight the battles of the Lord against wrong than does our beloved Mississippi College. President Lowery has succeeded in raising the endowment to more than \$100,000.00. With enlarged endowment better equipments and advantages will be offered, and in this way we shall not disappoint our people. Our hitherto poorly paid instructors will be better paid for their services and can better give their whole time to the work.

We recommend Mississippi College to the people of the state and especially to the Baptist. We point with special pride to a great number of men in every profession of life, who have gone out from our college and are reflecting credit on themselves and their Alma Mater.

Mississippi College and Ministerial Education are very closely related, because of the great advantages our young ministers get there. Though not a Theological school, yet there is a ministerial board which aids worthy young men who have been called of God to preach the Gospel, and who are financially unable to pay their own expenses. Some of our best and most influential ministers have received help from this board.

Therefore we again earnestly recommend that all our churches contribute to ministerial education. Respectfully submitted,
H. L. RHODES, Chairman.

The Committee on Orphanage made the following report:

This institution, located at Jackson, Miss., under the superintendency of Rev. L. S. Foster, was chartered July 18th, 1894. It has received one hundred and eighteen children, sixty-four of whom are now in the Orphanage, forty-eight have gone back to friends and private homes. Seven have died.

The purpose of this Orphanage is well known, namely to care for children without parents and means of support.

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The property of this institution consists of 112 acres of suburban land and necessary buildings aggregating a total value of \$34,000 which is unincumbered by debt.

This has always been its plan. Its main work now is to support its sixty-four children and receive and care for others that are applying but cannot come for lack of support. Already during the past year our superintendent has paid out \$500 from his private funds, and the treasury is empty. The cost of each child is about \$5 per month or \$320 per month for those already present. We find the meager sum of \$17.85 reported from all the churches of this Association the past year. Therefore, your committee would recommend that every church make on or about Thanksgiving day an offering to this cause. In addition to this we would recommend that every Sunday School set apart one Sunday in each month on which day the offering of the Sunday School shall be given to the Orphanage.

F. R. BURNEY }
D. B. ALLEN. } Com.

The committee appointed at the last Association to look after the welfare of Bro. W. A. Edwards made the following report, which was adopted and committee discharged:

Your committee appointed to employ medical aid for brother Edwards, have collected \$45.25 of the pledges made at the last Association for said purpose and have spent \$42.25 for medical aid, which leaves a balance on hand of \$3. We have expended the money as best we could, but brother Edwards has not received any permanent good, but is still in a helpless and needy condition. Respectfully submitted, G. D. WEATHERALL, Chm.

A letter was here read from brother Edwards to the Association at the close of which a collection was taken in his behalf which amounted to \$16.10, which on motion was turned over to brother J. G. Leonard for brother Edwards.

The committee on Missions made the following report which was adopted after discussion by L. P. Leavell and J. L. Phelps:

Your committee on Missions begs to submit the following report: We find from the church letters the following amounts reported for various Mission purposes

MISSIONS during the year, to wit:	State Missions.....	42.95.
Associational purposes.....	Home ".....	24.85.
Orphanage.....	Foreign ".....	49.90.
Ministerial Education.....	Other purposes.....	180.80.
Total.....		\$352.55.

Respectfully,

W. J. WILSON, for com.

The Finance com. reported as follows, which was adopted:

Your committee begs to submit the following report:

Rec'd for minutes.....	\$29.75	Rec'd for Orphanage.....	6.00
" Foreign Missions.....	21.35	" Associational purpose..	15.50
" Home ".....	14.60	" " [col]..	18.65
" State ".....	5.00	" Ministerial Ed.....	3.20
" Sunday School.....	1.25	Total.....	114.50

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct. Respectfully submitted, W. J. WILSON for com.

[NOTE—Of the above amount, \$2.25 for Foreign Missions from Wood Springs, 85c from Sykes Chapel and 50c from French Camp Sunday School was paid after Association adjourned]

The Treasurer made his report, which is as follows:

To the Chester Association:—I submit the following report as Treasurer for the last Associational year:

Oct 5 '01 Amt on hand \$8.14	Oct 7, '01	Amts paid out:	
" Rec'd from Finance com:	" A V Rowe, State missions	\$3.75	
" Minutes.....	" " Foreign	5.00	
" Orphanage.....	" " Home	14.00	
" Foreign Missions.....	" " Orphanage.....	1.00	
" Home ".....	" W A Edwards.....	16.80	
" State ".....	" WA Wilson, delegate SBC	20.00	
" Associational pur....	" Ex & postage, minutes.....	5.40	
" " col 14.00	" printing minutes.....	27.50	
" W A Edwards.....	" clerk.....	10.00	
" SS Convention.....	Total Expenditures.....	103.45	
Total.....	Cash to balance.....	1.04	
			\$104.49

Respectfully, S. B. DOBBS, Treas

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion clerk was allowed \$10 as compensation for services.

On motion S. B. Dobbs was allowed \$30 for his expenses to Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion Association adjourned to meet with Spring Hill church on Saturday before 1st Sunday in Oct. 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m.

S. B. DOBBS, Clerk.

W. H. FANCHER, Moderator.

Providence.....	J H D Watson, Kenago.....	J H McCarty, Faber.....
Rubama.....	W H H Fancher, Fr Camp.....	J R W Foster, Chester.....
Spring Hill.....	N Q Adams, Sturges.....	W W Kellum, Dido.....
Sturges.....	B G Haman.....	R L Webb, Sturges.....
Sykes Chapel.....	B E Watson, Faber.....	R B Lewis, Bradley.....
Wake Forest.....	N Q Adams, Sturges.....	G B Green, Sturges.....
Wood Springs.....	J C Peacock, Bankston.....	J M Wood, Tomnolen.....
Poplar Creek.....	W H H Fancher, Fr Camp.....	L J Boothe, Kilnichel.....
Self Creek.....	N Q Adams, Sturges.....	W Fondren, Self Creek.....

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR & POSTOFFICE	CLERK & POSTOFFICE
Ackerman.....	M. V. Noffsinger, West Point	J M Harris; Ackerman
Bethlehem.....	M J Derrick, Jackson.....	Joe Barron, Ackerman
Blythe Creek.....	J T Sargent, Ackerman.....	A R Hester, Pinto.
Beulah.....	N Q Adams, Sturges.....	W O Steele, McCool.
Bethany.....	J T Sargent, Ackerman..	J L Hughes, Lynch.
Bear Creek.....	B E Watson, Faber.....	W H Black, McCool.
Bluff Springs.....	W H H Fancher, French Camp	T J Lindsey, Ourtown.
Clear Springs.....	J H D Watson, Kenago.....	M L Gregg, Faber.
Double Springs.....	J F Barnes, Ethel.....	J L Neely, Double Spring
Ebenezer.....	Jasper Watson, Maben.....	B F Pearson, Elbe w.
Fellowship.....	F R Burney, Huntsville....	J W Woodward, Pinto.
French Camp.....	T H Middleton, Clarkson....	Wm A Taylor French Cp.
Fentress.....	W H H Fancher, Fr'ch Camp	Rufus D Prewitt, Fentres
McCurtain Creek.....	Joseph Peacock, Bankston..	W J Trussell, Kenago.
Mt Olivet.....	N Q Adams, Sturges.....	CH Butler, Chapel
Mt Moriah.....	J H D Watson, Kenago.....	H R Kite, Kenago.
Mt Pisgah.....	H G McCain, Belfountain...	Frank Bollis, Pinto.
New Zion.....	W H H Fancher, Fr Camp...	Bob Keen, Burney.
New Haven.....	J W Sims, McCool.....	A W Chamblee, Bankston.
New Hope.....	N B Wallace, Loakfoma.....	Geo R Pearson, Loakfoma
Pleasant Ridge.....	"	J A Brown, Bradley
Providence.....	J H D Watson, Kenago.....	J H McCarty, Faber.
Ruhama.....	W H H Fancher, Fr Camp...	J R W Foster, Chester.
Spring Hill.....	N Q Adams, Sturges.....	W W Kellum, Dido
Sturges.....	B G Haman,	R L Webb, Sturges.
Sykes Chapel.....	B E Watson, Faber.....	R B Lewis, Bradley.
Wake Forest.....	N Q Adams, Sturges.....	G B Green, Sturges.
Wood Springs.....	J C Peacock, Bankston....	J M Wood, Tomnolen.
Poplar Creek.....	W H H Fancher, Fr Camp...	L J Boothe, Kilnatchuel..
Self Creek.....	N Q Adams, Sturges.....	W Fondren, Self Creek.

NAME OF CHURCH	Gained by			Lost by			Membership	Members	Value of	MINISTERS HOLDING	LICENSED PREACHERS
	Baptism	Letter	Rest'n	Death	Letter	Expi'n	year	this year	prop'ty	MEMBERSHIP.	
Ackerman	5	1			1	1	104	109	\$500		
Bethlehem	11					1	115	125	1885	M W Black, Black.	E L Taylor, Black
Blythe Creek	2	8			3		113	120	1871	G S Jenkins, Pinto	
Beulah	12	4			1		71	86	1861		
Bethany	1				2	5	47	41	1885		
Bear Creek	13			2	4	4	252	255			
Bluff Springs	5	1		3			140	143			
Clear Springs	3	2					64	69	1862		J J Franklin, Ourton
Double Springs	20	1	3	1	17	8	134	132	1851		J L Smith, Faber.
Ebenezer	1			6			72	77	1874		
Fellowship	4	8		2	6	1	110	102	1852		
French Camp				2	3		64	59	1500	W H H Fancher, French Camp,	
French Camp							38	38	1892		
McCurtain Creek	10		1	1			140	150	1840		
Mt Olivet		2			9		45	38	1882		
Mt Moriah	1						68	69	1847		
Mt Pisgah	1			1			110	110	1845	W P Griffin, Opal	
New Zion	6			1	1		132	137		C H Dobbs, Bywy.	
New Haven	9	5	1	1	6		103	100	1886		
New Hope	14	5		4			80	90	200		
Pleasant Ridge	6	4		2	2		72	78	1855	N Q Adams, Sturges	
Providence	11	2		5	3		128	137	1885	J H D Watson, Kenago.	
Ruhama							62	56	400	B E Watson, Faber	J E Perry, Chester
Spring Hill	29	15		5	2		93	124	1842		John Perry,
Sturges	5	5		1			32	40	1886	B G Haman, Sturges	
Sykes Chapel		5		1			42	45	1880	J T Pearson Longview	
Wake Forest		2		3	2		59	56			
Wood Springs	7	1		2	3		83	90	1889	J C Peacock Bankston	
Poplar Creek				3			95	94	1849		
Self Creek	20	10					36	66			

